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The selected items in this folder cover the years 1922-1931. They consist primarily of letters from Mary Miller Nichols to her older sister Mina Miller Edison. Some of the letters were written by Mary's husband William Wallace Nichols or jointly by Mary and William, and one is by Mary's sister-in-law Ida Nichols Holt. Included are references to Thomas Edison's work, health, and travel, his paternal and spousal roles, his relations with members of the Miller family, and the Golden Jubilee of the electric light in 1929. Additional items concern the treatment of Mary and William at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, visits with the Edison family at their winter home in Fort Myers, and the 1929 centennial of the birth of Lewis Miller held at Chautauqua. Among the numerous references to Edison's final illness in 1931 are a letter by Otto H. Falk, president of Allis-Chalmers, in response to a request by William Nichols for goats milk for Edison and a letter by Nichols, written a month before Edison's death, regarding funeral arrangements.

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[F5D10AB], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 23rd, 1922

Title
[F5D10AB], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 23rd, 1922

Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- U.S. Tariff Commission
- Falk, Otto Herbert
- Falk, Elizabeth Louise
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, Marian

Date
1922-02-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- National government (U.S.)
- Education

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Mrs. Nichols file

The Washington
Washington, D.C.

2/23/22

My dear Mina –

Plenty of color to this heading! With Mary at Camp Humphrey with Marian and Katherine and a few minutes before I leave to keep a business appointment I decided to write of something that has been on my mind for some days.- Do you remember several months ago you volunteered to call on Bettie Falk at Miss – School? When I mentioned

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it to her father Gen'l Falk - my "boss" - he showed so much gratification that I then and there determined I would not ~~for~~ let you forget it, which I could do with good grace because I had so little to do with your expressed intention. Bettie seems such a nice girl of sweet sixteen and comes of such a fine family of two generations (her gnd pa is the Chrm of our Exec. Comm, & the big man of Milwaukee) that I have no hesitation in recommending her to your notice

The weather here is like spring - bright and beautiful this morning. I wish you were here with M - as I am busy early and late to try to clear up long deferred matters that demand my attention. Now I am due at the U.S. Tariff Commission's Office -.

Love to your good Hubby and as always to your dear self -

Will.

Trotty Veck
Messengers for
Lucius..

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[F5D10AB1], Letter from William Wallace Nichols, Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 1922

Title
[F5D10AB1], Letter from William Wallace Nichols, Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 1922

Editor's Notes
Supplied year and month

Author

- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Edith Clarissa

Date
1922-03-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Reforms
- Health and medicine

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MOUNTAIN LAKE CLUB
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Mina dear:—

Will thinks he has found the haven of the east in this spot. It's the most like Colorado of any spot he ever saw and it's lovely—

I knew you won't stop as my postal proposed at Haines City - so here is a welcome to Ft. Myers!

I wish you could have stopped here for I'm sure you would love it. It's high— the lakes—have no inlet or outlet—but keep supplied by subterranean rivers or what not— And since we are here— the weather is perfect— they do tell us tho' that they do have other kind of weather sometimes.

If you can— go to Arcadia— and then motor up here— the roads are fine from Arcadia to this place— so "they say"— You could have stopped at Haines

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City— the motor from here would meet you spend the day here or part of the day and motor to Arcadia and catch your train at that place. The sad part was that your train reaches Haines City in the middle of the night— 2 a.m.— or there abouts so I was sure no amount of urging would make you get off at Haines City.

I've laid up with a tremendous blister on the heel of my right foot. Too energetic walking the first three days I was here—

Met Mrs. & Mr. Bok of the Ladies Home Journal— Mrs. Bok says they knew you— They seem very interesting indeed— call Mr. Phelps— Billy— and Madame Samaroff— Olga— all very interesting. The whole place is made up of fine people and I feel it's a relief to find a spot where dissatisfaction of the 18th amendment is not the whole topic of conversation and booze is not thrust at you at every turn. I like the atmosphere of the people as well as the place

I am sure your visit at Seminole Lodge will be a great rest to you — the weather is perfect and that in itself will help — It must be lovely there — just touch a tree or a flower affectionately for me — and know that I love the dear place too. I wonder if Edith is with you — It would do her a world of good — I hope she will find herself soon and realize that there are still many lovely things for her to do — Give her my love — You know the little poem — It comes to me just now — . . . . - - ——

"Is it true, O Christ in Heaven that the strongest
suffer most — that the noblest wander farthest
and most hopelessly are lost — that the ~~measure~~ mark of
rank in nature is capacity for pain —"

. . . —— —

I can't remember it all — but it often seems that way —

Will is sleeping the sleep of the just — We are going with Mrs. Ruth for a drive soon — I suppose I ought to waken him as he will have to dress.

Love, dear sister, have a peaceful restful time — and return home rested & happy Mary Louise.

My dear Mina —

I join M— in expressing the hope that you will come, for this may be as much of a revelation to you as it has been to us. Think of the Orange Mts. in a Florida landscape interspersed with innumerable beautiful lakes (500 in Polk Co.) and of all wonders, a dry Colo. climate, Colo. sunshine, Colo. air, Colo. ambition & the sense of a physical wellbeing. But best of all are the people — as M. intimates, "Culture" prevails — and there is an absence of the irritating superficialities that makes N.Y. etc. so undesirable. They even play golf here for gambling seems to be tabooed, — I have not yet heard of a wager (I rap wood!) which is an unheard of thing among us, where that is the principal topic of converse — even Essex Co. is no exception to that rule. — Books are under discussion now — good books. I tho't I had lost the atmosphere when I left New Haven — but I discover that "there are others", if one knows where to look. So do drive over & witness a phenomenon. — Much love to you and your husband. I hope Fish are biting.

Will. —

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[F5D10AC], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 1st, 1922

Title
[F5D10AC], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 1st, 1922

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Nichols, Sarah Ann Stuart (Mrs Homer W.)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)
- Nichols, Edward Erastus, Jr

Date
1922-05-01

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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Mary
MRS. ~~ROBERT A. MILLER~~
PELHAM, ~~NEW YORK~~

My dearest Mina:-

Well I've just read your letter to Louise and it is certainly fine that you feel as happy as you do over Rachel's work. The dear child has tried so very hard, how could it be otherwise than a pleasure to you. I suppose the little house does seem little because it is little - It was always darling when we would go up to Chautauqua from our big homes - and find that dear little cottage waiting to give us a welcome, just because it was so tiny and no great responsibility. I hope you'll never feel otherwise about it - People as a rule don't

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know how blessed little or simple things are - but Father and Mother did - I wish those two however had had the pleasure of all the comforts you are installing I think especially little Mother would have enjoyed Chautauqua more.

Florence is improving rapidly - Aunt Annie was at a tea this p.m. for Grace Nichols - Ed's wife - on Riverside Drive. She left Florence Sunday night. She makes great fun of John wanting all the windows open, draft and all. They think you and John are very hot blooded - Aunt Annie gives the baby six months to live - with the cold.

Will is in Pittsburg - so Louise Marion and I are going to get dinner somewhere - Cos. Club I imagine - and then

Go "to The Ladies" - Louise is going home with 3
us for the night so we are having quite a
spree and visit. Better call up Will and have
him join you at Chautauqua Tuesday night
to show him the sights.

The letters sounds so cheerful and attractive -
I am so glad. Keep up the good work -
all will come right if any little thing is wrong.

Saw Edith for an hour or so - the day we
went over to see Florence. She seems so much
better - You certainly did wonders for her while
you were south. Did you do as much for yourself.

We are enjoying the wonderful grapefruit - every
day. It's so different from all other grape fruit
When we are out of it - I count the days for the next
box to arrive from Mina! Thanks again and again for this
box. It's my principal part of my breakfast.

I am mailing you some papers of Life Extension
Work. I am sure you would be interested if you
realized the good the work is doing. So read
carefully and prayerfully.

God bless the little cottage - the owner and her
little helper. I am dying to see it!

Love Mary.

May 1/22.

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[F5D10AD], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 22nd, 1922

Title
[F5D10AD], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 22nd, 1922

Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Tribune
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date
1922-06-22

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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At home - deserted and alone and the
longest day in the year 6/22/22.

My dear Mina —

If Mrs. Nichols is still at your party, please give her my respectful greetings and tell her this is a pretty how-de-do. - I figure I'm **6** letters ahead with no word but what has been passed to me by the cook for **3** days. As soon as I get this little business off I think I'll go off on a spree with the boys — and girls, just to worry her. -

I see your speechifying again according to the morning papers and I enclose the Tribune's account. I am curious to know how you expressed that "bitterness". Newspapers are always so unsatisfactory in leaving too much to their readers' imagination.

Now to business! Let me know or you can write Mr. Lacy direct whether you want this set. I forgot to tell you that in obedience to your request I "scoured" the City to find no such Jane Austin as you specified. Putnam had just disposed of the set you wanted - of course, - apparently they're in demand. -

Glenmont was beautiful Sunday - I saw your peacock and he was gorgeous - and he knew it. My visit is a matter of record and I hope my recalcitrant wife - your sister was discrete in her quotations. "To err is human, to forgive divine" - I'll prove my divinity by sending her my love thru you, who are requested to believe me

Ever your loving brother -
Will. -

Also to Grace, Louise, Rachel and other Miller sojourners. -

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[F5D10AE], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 30th, 1922

Title
[F5D10AE], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 30th, 1922

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1922-06-30

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- TAE quotations and aphorisms

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NIAGARA FALLS, CAN. THE CLIFTON
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TORONTO, CAN. KING EDWARD HOTEL

AKRON, OHIO.

Sweetheart sister.

A note to tell you of our safe arrival of Hal standing on the curb of the hotel waiting waiting for his loved one. Of my little homesick feeling that Will too was not here - Of the lovely flowers Hal had in each of our rooms to greet us - lovely gladiolas - Of the great resistance your lovely corsage had to the heat and how lovely it look this morning - I dosed it over night in the wash bowl - and its lovely ready for another days service.

Hal + Grace are spending the day at least - planning a mausoleum - The picture is beautiful. I imagine they will not leave today anyway as Hal does want to get this done. He is a

AKRON HAS COME BACK—WATCH US GROW

great helpmeet for our sister and she for him. "All things come to him who hustles while he waits" Edison.

When you get this - there will be one big happy smile on your face I know - with Madeleine there with her babies - I suppose Teddy doesn't like to be babies any more so I'll say children. Kiss them all for Auntie Mamie. I wish we had seen them at least.

Now I must fly - Grace & Hal will be ready for breakfast first if I don't put on my finishing touches - the dress - I no longer have decorations - You did make my tin wedding day so wonderful - Thank you, dear sister - it was wonderful - I wrote Will all about it - eight sheets of paper. Love always -

Mary.

June 30.22

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[F5D10AF], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 5th, 1922

Title
[F5D10AF], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 5th, 1922

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Elizabeth
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Blanche Travers (Mrs William L.)
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date
1922-11-05

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Social customs, norms, values
- Property

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MRS. WILLIAM WALLACE NICHOLS
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Dear Nina -

Did you get the "Kidd" plans - evidently they do not favor the gym - as they have only made a shed for that attraction. I've written Mr Bestor and Ira that I would prefer the gym and that you and Elizabeth fully convinced

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me of its merits - I am disappointed that the Kidd Bros. did not give up a careful study as they have the front. You better write Mr. Bestor and Ira too - so they will know we are behind them and interested -

Will says he cannot go Thursday night to Blanche's after all. he

has an important engagement
both Thursday night and Friday
night – He says I can go and
spend Friday night with you (or Blanche) and he will come
Saturday – then we'll go to Morristown
and spend Saturday night and see
Will's farm returning home Sunday
afternoon. I'm sorry that Will has
to cancel Thursday night at Blanche's as for that
was the best plan for me.
I'll write Blanche tonight –
Love to you all –
Mary.

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[F5D10AG], Letter from Mary Emily Miller, William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 11th, 1924

Title
[F5D10AG], Letter from Mary Emily Miller, William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 11th, 1924

Author

- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Seminole Lodge and Fort Myers
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1924-03-11

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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NAPLES HOTEL
P. R. SCHUTT, MANAGER
NAPLES, FLORIDA

Tuesday night.

My darling sister Mina

I am awfully homesick for you tonight. I hated it terribly to come away from you when I knew you wanted us to stay I'm sure I would have stayed but man is not so easily made to change plans and so we had too. I am simply astonished at Will's improvement the last few days — really since Saturday he seems to have quite become himself and is getting restless to get to work — wants to hasten his recovery - I'm sure he's all right again. Thank you, for our lovely comfortable quarters - I'm sure, too, it helped to hasten his recovery to be so homey and comfortable - no thought of meeting a lot of people every minute and having to talk. His last day with you - he said. "I feel I could make a speech" — The rooms we had

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were just the thing for us - They were so bright and sunny and Will needed the sun - and the little writing room was so comfortable for him for he could sit there so comfortably and write his business letters - I enjoyed the extra bedroom too, for I crawled out nearly every morning but the last three and could get dressed and slip away without his knowing that I had gone. And I do love those early morning walks. They seem nearer to nature than those later in the day.

We missed you and Thomas too, on the drive today. It wasn't cold a bit until just the end. It would have been better for you than the hot days, as you say they tire you so. Do come after us. The drive is lovely (not so wonderful as the one day before yesterday, that was a beauty!) but lovely & not too rough. Very changed from years ago when you brought us to Estero - They have a big sign up showing the universe inside the world!

This place would rejoice your soul. The women all smoke old, young & indifferent

I'll be sadly out of it if you stay very long?
I imagine all very wealthy -
The table is very good - but the waitress is a terrible hurry - knocks my chair and kind of throws things on the table.

NAPLES HOTEL
F.R.S UTT, MANAGER
LORIDA

Tell the girls that the oil stove in our rooms was going after they left and when I went back into our room the odor was very oily. Hope it's out tonight. Will probably go to bed with the chickens —

Senator Couzens is here - he is eating his dinner now. I think he lives on his yatch. He seems to be quite a big bug.

There are four men playing cards just behind me - evidently very wealthy men as they speak of giving permits to people to go through their grounds at Red Banks N.J.

Will try and find Miss Stevens' tomorrow. Hope the wind dies down as it's very hard walking on the beach as the girls can testify. It's was lovely of them to come down with us - made it much easier to break away from the dear family group.

I wonder if you are playing Mah-Jong or Poker? I thought when we go North, we could leave one set with you and if we wanted to play as I guess we will - we could get a set like it until you come then we could change back - Of course, we want one set that you gave us, see! If that would accommodate you, we would be glad to do it that way.

Will is reading as usual in his corner and enjoying his book - I heard him accross the room laughing to himself. I wish I could enjoy a book - the way he does - He sees the humor and enjoys it immensely - I rarely smile while reading even if I do see the fun. He reads everything too, he puts his hands on - and so rapidly - I'd give a lot for that gift.

Loads of love to you and the group there with you - love me a little, pray for me often - that I, too, may attain an unselfish and charitable disposition toward all — It's wonderful to have an understanding nature - it's so easy to misunderstand - and I so often take the easy way - God bless you both. Love Mary + Will.

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Title
[F5D10AH], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 31st, 1924

Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Miller, Mary Emily

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1924-03-31

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- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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Fountain Inn
Eustis, Fla.

My dear Mina —

"T'was ever thus." — "The best laid plans of mice & men aft gang aglee". Your extreme thoughtfulness on our account and fear - I am afraid it was - lest we might suffer in our minds from an apparent lack of consideration for us at the last minute that prompted you to upset our plan to leave without ceremony has been a topic of several musings in our trip here. We appreciated it greatly - more perhaps than it would be comely for me to say - & we want you to know it - otherwise I would not write you thus. - In short, your poetical effusion gave you away! We ate the lunch - which for once, probably because you put it up, was just enough. I suppose until the end of time hired girls will prepare lunches for their kind - not reckoning on the appetites of people of "refined taste", afflicted by leisure.-

Neither Mary nor I wanted to leave you - you made our stay altogether too interesting - we did not deserve it & we both felt very guilty - as tho we had imposed on your hospitality.- There was nothing to suggest such an idea beyond the houseful with its care at a time when you & your good husband should be resting. Why do you do it? It's about time that you should use your Florida vacation as a term of retirement from the frets of society; You can't make it so, if you give big house-parties to distract you.- Now I have a confession, which I feel I should make - and "an honest confession" is - as you know - "good for the soul".-

Our first visit (before we retired to Naples) was not a happy one and after careful deliberation, I can't well see how it could have been.- I was sick - real sick, sicker perhaps than was evident. There's a reason. Even if other conditions, for which no one was specially responsible, had been propitious - things could not have gone well, as long as they were subject to my reactions. You were tired and sick too and your sympathetic nature made you worry on more than one account (and I flatter myself, I was one), which is always bad. It was a great mistake to have taken advantage of your kindness under the circumstances and I can't forgive myself for doing so. My only excuse, was that I could not be sure of Sanibel, Naples or any other place (I was sick, remember,) and The Royal Palms had become impossible – I was in an unreasonable (and unreasoning) frame of mind – everything there "jarred" me beyond endurance. – Now, I think you were much less derelict during that visit than you think you were to judge by what you wrote to Mary at Naples and we can't forget soon the exceeding charm of the welcome you gave when we returned. If there was anything to forgive – you have since more than squared yourself and we are under obligations (I know you don't like the term – neither do I, but I have no other now) for the thousand and one "favors" you fairly showered on us.- Blessings attend you!-

I wish your husband knew how I disliked leaving him — and his fishing. Please tell him, that I understand these Lakes are "full" of gamey bass, &c. If we stay longer than tomorrow - I expect to have a try at them as is now proposed. We are treated like Nabobs and Mr. & Mrs. Waterman are kindness itself.- This hotel is new and exceptionally *fine*. In that respect we are delighted.- We may stay til Thursday,- it depends somewhat on the weather. In mountains this place beats Lake Wales & Mt. Lakes - It reminds one of the lower Berkshire country - Think of that in Florida! The Lakes are charming. The Golf Links are picturesque indeed. Birds & flowers are plentiful & the former are *protected* and they seem to know & appreciate it.

Now I have to hustle to Dinner. Give my love to the girls & "Tommy" and keep a lot for ~~the~~ your dear self - Ever affectionately

Your brother Will.

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Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Michigan)
- Page, John Randolph
- Merritt, Arthur Hastings
- Johnson, Gertrude J
- Thompson, Dr
- Nichols, William Wallace

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Sister's letters.

The Battle Creek Sanitarium
Battle Creek Michigan

Mina dear:— I certainly thank you for the lovely chrysanthemums that came to me or us on the 15th: Will was sitting in my room when I came from the treatment and there were those wonderful chrysanthemums on my bed – a huge box full – 12 of them – and each one perfect. The maid got me a large vase and I enjoyed them all for two or three hours then Will & I took a few of them to Dr. Johnson and she was delighted – saying she had a very sweet day with you! — they represented you. I often wish you were here – It's doing me such a world of good – I feel like another

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person. I've been here a week & a day. I'm going to have my tonsils out probably Wednesday - He finds - that I have no diabetes or kidneys - but have the arthritis - so out come my tonsils and then that question will be settled and in a little while they can tell if the arthritis comes from that. I'm going to have my teeth attended too by Dr. Merritt -

Will left this afternoon for Milwaukee - I hated to have him go but of course he had to - Will be back next Saturday probably and then I'll not see him or anyone for a long time. I think it was dear of him to arrange to be here the 15th - His dinner went off beautifully he says - he seems so happy about it that I'm sure it did. I'm sorry none of your family were there to help encourage him or to receive his message.

Goodnight - dear sister - Thank you again - your flowers made our mutual birthday a very happy day despite the cold and the distance from home. I only wish I dared urge you to come and accompany me in my hunt for health & a happy old age but I dare not, for fear you would not be happy - I'm sure this diet and treatment would soon make you feel like another person — you'd soon be ten years younger in feeling — I'm going to stick at it till I find the cause of my arthritis — to see these poor crippled people urges me on all the more — I dread becoming an old cripple and I was and am fast getting there.

I didn't mean to talk so much about myself — you'll forgive that — when you know that underneath there is the thought of you — that we might be two happy healthy old ladies together some fifteen years from now. Why not prepare for old age just as we prepared for youth — Life is one long education getting always ready for something better and higher. Go on your diet anyway Minna, take agar + Psylla with your meals and get your eliminating system in fine condition and a lot of the load will be already lifted — Do it — it pays. I'am taking also three desert spoonsful of Parafine oil take before each meal and 6 desertspoons (easy full) of Laxto Dextrine — between the meals and it goes without saying – I'm getting results. I dread the tonsils – the doctors there both Page + Thompson said not to have them out – but I guess if they saw me today they would be willing. Dr. Johnson says "by all means have them out."

Love to all the family – I miss your little notes but don't write – I know you have loads more than you can do. and I'll take the will for the deed.

Your loving sister – Mary.

Will said to thank you for him – but now he's gone.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Elizabeth
- Nichols, Ida Cornelia (Mrs Harrison J. Holt)
- Castle Hot Springs (Arizona)
- Edison, William Leslie
- Bacheller, Irving
- Miller, Grace A
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Holt, Harrison J

Date
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- Travel (TAE and family)
- Religion and spirituality
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WALTER ROUNSEVEL, MANAGING OWNER

Thursday
Jan. 6-27

Darling Minie;

Will is just in bed and I too am here - but I don't try to sleep for some time I either write or read. Will wants me to go to bed when he does - so here I am. He's awfully nervous tonight - these nervous spells go by fits and starts - he has been fine for several days but today he seems so depressed and nervous. He has taken a sedative and perhaps will sleep better then in the morning feel better.

I want to thank you sister dear for all those magazines - Mom did not know they were ours at all. I suppose that was stupid but there were so few people here we thought the hotel had done it. Never

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dawned on us they were not to be returned to the office or general reading room. It was dear of you and has given us a lot of easier reading - I love all those magazines Country Life - House & Garden - Life - Will thinks Life has gone completely to the wall but although its not what it used to be still I enjoy reading it. Atlantic Monthly is a beauty! We have to get some light literature for Will he is such a fast reader that I can't keep up with him. Some of the books he got for Xmas are too heavy reading for him too philosophical - he says it tires his brain and him to read deep things - Perhaps that's what's the trouble tonight - he has read too much and too heavy things.

I am reading "Opinions of a Cheerful Yankee by Irving Bacheller - It's very interesting criticising life as it is today in U.S. and quite of your opinion that we are a very non church going people and that we will pay for it as a nation in the not far distant future. The young people should read the book - but of course they never will. This continual jazz music has as much as anything to do with the unrest. It puts one on his toes the minute it starts. We have nothing but a Victor here in the line of music - our boy has a lot of nice records and he is on every other night and runs the victor all the time we are at dinner and then the next night it's jazz and we leave as soon as we can.

I only wanted to thank you for that wonderful letter all about Xmas & the snow storm, ice, I should say, and for the magazines - It seemed wonderful to walk into our little bungalow and feel you were so near - Everything so nice flowers - and magazines - they were on the table and we both exclaimed and enjoyed them - It looked so homey and inviting. You certainly have a wonderful way of sharing your blessings I don't believe one in a thousand would have thought of doing such a thing. We had your letter - with some more we could see the whole Christmas party - the tree & packages etc - and then the ice storm must have been a marvel of beauty. We are 80° and more degrees every day now - a marvelous sunshine. I hope Will does not tire of the monotony for it is monotonous - riding is the chief entertainment and he can't ride - I wish he could; it would help to pass the time. His legs are strong, he thinks as ever - but the upper part of his body gives out. . . . .

Saturday. a.m. We went for a nice walk yesterday up the river bed - came to a pretty cañon and went in - to show how Will is progressing - he stepped into a quicksand and it threw him forward, fortunately; he picked himself up and I built a bridge of stones for him to get back. I think I was more used up than he - for I was really all in when we got back. He is going to start the baths today the doctor here thinks it will help a lot - I wish there were some fine men here for him to enjoy but they seem to be a very scarce article no matter where you go.

I see I have quite mixed up my paper written on two sheets.

This is Will's last day too of meals or breakfast in bed – He says he is very tired of it – he has been tired for quite a while but I've urged his taking it easy in the morning.

We give up this dear little bungalow on the 19th I'm sorry for we are so comfortable here – and we must go into one room twin beds – fortunately – but I am sure I'll keep Will awake as I'm a very restless sleeper and my continual turning keeps him awake. If we find it does not work – will go on to some other place –

It's so dry and warm – sunshiny all the time and cold nights – The trails on horse back are fine. not too hard – I only long for you only you'd fly along too fast for me – I ride along and dream of childhood – what a glorious home we had! —

Mary Anne seems to be happy – she writes that everybody has pinned her down to a mile sod so she can't get out of

it. I see from a letter from Elizabeth she was up there over one night probably Saturday & returned Sunday. Elizabeth said she couldn't keep her long enough for a slide down hill. I hope you get her again, if you want her and of course I hope that. Johnnie, too, wants her—
Grace & Hal sail next Wednesday. I hope they have a perfect time. If only you & Thomas were going with them— especially for yours and Grace's sakes— wouldn't it be lovely. You need the trip and Grace needs you you might both get a better trip tho' for I think the heat uses you both up. So here's for making a perfect trip some time in the future. I hope you got off my box of Maillard's candy for them.
Will is dressing — and I ought to be writing a hundred thank you mam letters— Somehow I can't get at writing formal letters. I just feel like chatting away like this to you or Mary Anne who I know so well.

Love to you all and many, many thanks for all the kindness and loving thoughts and deeds of these days and the past few months. God bless you— and keep you is the sincere wish of your sister

1.8.27 Mary.

I hope William is very much better by this time. He certainly had a hard time. I'll try to get a letter to them if I can soon. You were dear to go to them so much and I hope it will bear fine fruit.
I am glad Xmas was such a success— Madeleine & Carolyn do make lovely packages— but yours are beauties too— I am so glad everyone liked Mary Anne's scarfs— she worked so diligently and with such thought of each one as she knit. She is a dear child! Yes we received your telegram we sent one to you and Mary Anne says my letter got there on Xmas day. Thank you for the telegram too.
We just this minute rec. a telegram from H. J. Holt that Ida will arrive here, Sunday, tomorrow morning, 6.20 at the junction. I am so glad for Will— he seemed really homesick to see her— and invited her to come at his expense

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She could not come on account of illness - bladder inflamation - oh, she was so appreciative of your gift to her. It was very lovely of you to send her a card. - She is a very appreciative soul. I feel so proud and happy in having one of your first knitted things - Its a fine way to occupy your time and helpful in keeping you rested on your trips.

Your discription of the ice storm is thrilling - you certainly used your eloquence and gave us a very vivid picture. I hope you all keep well surely tell us [illegible] - I imagine you are already thinking of Florida. This is nearly the middle of January and February you go down there, or if you persuade your dearie to take a trip west this year. Florida must be a little too crowded these days to please him and here we have the whole world, almost, to ourselves - I often think Theodore would love it here. I feed the birds daily and the real birds all but come on the porch and eat beside our chairs - Will had his bath & now the rub & nap or rest. I hope he will like it as it will help to occupy his time, He's not much of a loafer he has to have something to do. Love to you all Mary.

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- Nichols, Ida Cornelia (Mrs Harrison J. Holt)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Holt, Harrison J

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My darling Mina:—

Ida goes today so I can only write a note — but I want to tell you how dear it was of you to send the telegram and let us know how you all are and of the big doings Feb 11th — We will have to miss the big day — Isn't that too bad — seems to me I always miss your big doings — but it can't be helped — here we are two thousand miles away and that Tommy dear won't put this birthday off till we get home. What can we do at this distance — I'd love to do something — We ~~[illegible]~~ Thomas's articles in the Forum religiously — they are always interesting and show his best side — don't you think?

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Those ice storms you are having must be wonderful — Two beauties in one month. Your letter about the first was really a chef d'oeuvre — and it's going the rounds of the family — It was too full of beauty and enthusiasm to tear up — in fact I always keep your letters as they will be very interesting always — I will try and collect them all and have them in a book the way you do — as soon as I return. Letters really filled like that must ultimately prove very useful —

Yesterday I took a beauty horseback ride the finest I think I've had — (but each day seems finer than the last —) — Louie, my guide and I left at 9 in the morning and rode down the river and cross country till noon — we dismounted at the Solo ranch — an abandoned ranch — had a wonderful spring on it — Louie built a fire and cooked Lamb chops, bacon, coffee — then we sat down to our sumptuous lunch — It tasted fine, by the spring — and under the cotton wood trees that sheltered us a bit from the midday sun — What a glorious sun — It's shining this minute full force on my page! .... We were first in the midst of luncheon when a party went by – they proved to be Lord and Lady Strathcona (grandson of the big Strathcona of Canadian fame) – We felt very grand having arrived at the spring first – and thereby shutting out any intruders – They passed on to the Indian Mounds where we found them a couple of hours later eating their lunch – We climbed on horse back to almost the highest point of the mounds and so had very little distance to walk – then walked to the top where the ancient Indians had built dwellings and fortifications – old broken pottery lay around on the ground – and I found an arrow head. I was sorry afterwards that I took anything because it really should be kept right there. The mound towers up above the surrounding country and you can see for forty, fifty miles in all directions. It's a beautiful sight and the dome of blue heavens above makes a perfect picture. I often think of Theodore and his colored camera – what pictures this country would make! We came home without resting – twelve miles or a little more – some riding for this sister of yours don't you think so. I never did ride like you but I'm doing pretty well! I trot – mostly sitting tight in the saddle like a cowboy! It's great fun. Will doesn't feel up to it, but I hope he will get in shape so he can really enjoy the riding before we go – If you were here – we could go off riding and Thomas & Will sit here in this glorious sun. Thomas would love it – No people to speak of – and everybody gone, who is here in the mountains either walking or riding – It was the first time I've met anybody riding yesterday – The mountains are so vast that of course many people could go and never meet. Lord & Lady were very nice – but very homely – really "plug ugly" –

What can we do for Thomas's birthday – What could we give him – "a gold headed cane"! you remember how Father wanted a gold headed cane: but what good would it do Thomas? I'd love to give him something he would really like and could use? what is it?

Isn't it lovely that Charles & Carolyn have gone to Nassau they will have a lovely time – Wish we were going home by Panama and Florida but we have our tickets by [illegible] It's foolish to always be doing the same thing, but of course Will's family

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want him and we must not always go away from there. Ida has been sweet this visit she and Annie both appreciated so much your gift at Christmas time. It was dear of you to think of sending them something when they were so worried over Will's condition –

Dearest Mrs. Edison – I have just loved being here with Will & Mary & it has done me worlds of good – I just hate to leave them today but I must get home to my precious Harry – a heart full of love to you my dear – Ida

Dearest Mina – This is not intentionally "a round robin" – but as the opportunity offers – an unused sheet, excess energy and the time – I take advantage of it. You may thing my reference to "time" strange – but I've never been so busy before doing nothing and time, you know, always passes in proportion to the way it is occupied.. It goes here with a speed extraordinary. I can hardly realize that we are in our fifth week here. I breakfast 7.30 to 8 am – then read abit in the Sun (somewhat of a job as you w'd understand if.

you could see our Xmas library) - a hike or a bath brings to Luncheon - then, more sun - a nap for an hour (the sun sets at 4-4.30) - solitaire til dinner - cards afterward & to bed about 9 p.m. - How's that for a convalescence? You will note that I have written only of my days doings; my wife's are of a very different character as you may judge by her own account. The way she gallivants all over this mountainous countryside with a handsome cowboy is - as I have written Grace - little short of scandalous, as you may guess when you look at the pictorial records of her effervescent feelings. I really think you should be here to chaperone her for I can't. - It is a pity you can't get a taste of this glorious climate. Give me these ultra-violet rays, cloudless skies of deepest azure and a surrounding mountain sky line that never tires one, a play of color to thrill, a veritable host of strange & beautiful (warbling) birds, in preferance to all the crystal storms Old King Boreas can inflict on you poor Easterners. You have my sympathy. - If I keep on I'm afraid my feelings would overcome me - for

my nerves are still "on edge" - near my skin - so I must quit while I can. - Be assured that I rejoice in your letters and other sisterly consideration. It's characteristic of you. - Give my love to your good husband & tell him we can give him all but the fish that Florida provides - tho he would miss many of the comforts of Seminole Lodge, of which he is to be envied. -

Lovingly yours
Will.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Grace A
- Ford, Henry
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Nichols, William Wallace

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Mine dear and Thomas too: —

How does it seem to be 80? You have nothing on us tho' for we had our 40th at Yale University — and that is going some!
Florida can't beat us in anything either for we have just experienced the longest, most persistent, rain storm Will or I ever saw — He says even in Tahiti six complete days with never a break in the clouds — never a moment of sunshine! That's lovely Arizona weather for you — and three thousand miles from N.Y. just to get sun! — Well, here is the sun this morning and every body will be happier. The [illegible] has been marooned finally for one day, yesterday the sixth day of rain, we could get neither in or out of this place. — Count Monaco came in the day before in a big Cadillac limousine and since the river is no longer a dry river bed, he found it a raging river and his cadillac got stuck part way out in the stream and he had to be rescued by cow-boys, had to desert his limousine and yesterday the waves and water dashed or slushed over the top — That's the last of that car! I should have thot he would have had more sense than to try to ford such a raging torrent anyway!

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I wish you could see our birds this morning! They are just greedy for food - The Oregon Towhee just this minute flew off with a piece of white bread bigger than himself with five birds flying after him. We had little to feed them these last days, as the food got to be pretty low and the hotel has not been over generous - We put out some cream of wheat which the birds have eaten but not from choice - necessity. Did you see the play "Rain"? Well this was just like that - Here comes our Pyrrhuloxia - he comes right on our window sill and eats the bread. I am dying to get out doors. I've been housed all three days, and feel restless. Dear little Grace, I wonder how she is - I can't say how I'd like a long ocean trip, like that, I fear me the sickness would be too much for me. The T.H.C.'s must try it some time. I guess we better take our husbands - don't you think so. Let's work it up for next year. 2

Yesterday in a group here out my window, I had, His Nibs, the cardinal, his rival, the pyrrhuloxia - The dainty song sparrow - maybe Gimball's - all kinds of different juncos - I can't make out why they have juncos here, for it is tropical and juncos are kind of a snow bird - a ~~juncos~~ towhee is the biggest one - he's brown all over - and looks like a grosbeak, several kinds of towhee, Oregon & green tailed - and the wrens, they are legion too, with lovely songs - I've heard several - The little verdin, a yellow headed bird, and they say common, outside me though, I've not seen had a phainopepla - and I do so want one. Why is it, our paths lead ever apart - and

I'm sure - we could have wonderful times - enjoying the birds together! 3

It seems they think it's too cold to sit on the porch in the sun - everything wet - so I have probably another day to sit in our room - fortunately we have the birds - they occupy loads of time - and solitaire - my oh me I never knew there were so many games of solitaire - We play until our arms fairly ache from dealing (not quite so bad - but play over and over. Will still dreads people - being somewhat his nature of course its exaggerated in convalescence. He's wonderful tho' Mina - his cheeks fairly bulging before this shut in period - hope that state will come back now with the sun.

John (I mean T'mas John) sent us some Valentines - mine is a scented one, very sweet - Will's is funny - a little cupie playing golf with a heart - and the remark - "Do you think my heart is a golf ball"? I must write John - he's a dear! -

I am so glad our flowers were lovely and useful - it's sad they have to fade - That's the trouble with flowers - but they give great joy at the moment they are wanted and leave wonderful memories. Yours when Will was ill, and at arrivals here and there, home, Hot Springs, here, Mt. Lakes - everywhere we've gone for the last few years - flowers from "Glenmont" to greet us! I don't see how your purse lasts - for I'm not conceited enough to think we are one of a very few - In fact I'm astounded when shopping in New York to find that this or that person I meet, has just had a birthday greeting, heavenly or otherwise, a gift for n'import quoi, from you - I can not conceive of it, how you do it! I can't send flowers often - but I was extremely anxious that these should be especially lovely both for you and Thomas - We saw by the paper you had Mr. Ford & Firestone for the week end

Love to you all - I'd love to be with you. I am continually in thought. G.b.y. Your sis T.H.C. Mary.

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Wish you could see our birds this morning! They are just greedy for food – The Oregon Towhee just this minute flew off with a piece of white bread bigger than himself with five birds flying after him. We had little to feed them the last days, as the food got to be pretty low and the hotel has not been over generous – We put out some grains of wheat which the birds have eaten but not from choice – necessity. Did you see the play "Rain" – well this was just like that – Here comes our Pyrrhuloxia – he comes right on our window sill and eats the bread. I am dying to get out doors. I've been housed all these days, and feel restless. Dear little Grace, I wonder how she is – I can't say how I'd like a long ocean trip like that, I fear me the sickness would be too much for me. The T.H.C.'s must try it some time. I guess we better take our husbands – don't you think so. Let's work it up for next year. 2

Yesterday in a group here out my window, I had, the [illegible], the cardinal, [illegible], the pyrrhuloxia – the dainty [illegible] – maybe Kimball's – all kinds of different juncos – I can't make out why they have juncos here – for it is tropical, and juncos are kind of a snow bird – that towhee ~~junco~~ is the biggest one – he's brown all over – and looks like a grosbeak, several kinds of towhee, Oregon + greentailed – and the wrens, they are legion too, with lovely songs – I've heard several – The little verdin, a yellow headed bird, and they say common, outside me though, I've not seen had a glimpse – and I do so want one. Why is it, our paths lead ever apart – and

I'm sure. we could have wonderful times – enjoying the birds together! 3

It seems they think it's too cold to sit on the porch in the sun – everything wet – so I have probably another day to sit in our room – fortunately we have the birds – they occupy loads of time – and solitaire – my oh me I never knew there were so many games of solitaire – We play until our arms fairly ache from dealing – not quite so bad – but play over and over. Will still dreads people – being somewhat his nature of course its exaggerated in convalescence. He's wonderful tho' Mina – his cheeks fairly bulging before this short ill period – hope that state will come back now with the sun.

John (Sometimes John) sent us some Valentines – mine is a scented one, very sweet – Will's is funny – a little cupie playing golf with a heart – and the remark – "Do you think my heart is a golf ball"?? I must write John – he's a dear! –

I am so glad our flowers were lovely and useful – it's sad they have to fade – That's the trouble with flowers – that they give great joy at the moment they are wanted and leave wonderful memories. Yours when Will was ill, and at arrivals here and there, home, Hot Springs, here, Mt. Lakes – everywhere we've gone for the last few years – flowers from "Glenmont" to greet us! I don't see how your purse lasts – for I'm not conceited enough to think we are one of a very few – In fact I'm astounded when shopping in New York to find that this or that person I meet, has just had a birthday greeting, heavenly or otherwise, a gift for n'importe quoi, from you – I can not conceive of it, how you do it! I can't send flowers often – but I was extremely anxious that these should be especially lovely both for you and Thomas – We saw by the paper you had Mr. Ford + Firestone for the week end

Love to you all – I'd love to be with you. I am continually in thought. G.b.y. yours in T.H.C. Mary.
over

The doctor has just been in – and he says – there is nothing like a day in bed to build up ones nerves – quiet – away from people – just do it every now and then and keep a strong hold of ones nervous system! I'm come to the conclusion that we as women owe it to ourselves, and family, they don't know how to nurse and look after us – except to call in the doctor – so why not be wise and sensible, and look after ourselves a bit – Just retire from everybody – and take a day of rest – Perhaps that was the starting of the Sabbath. one day a week the seventh day – the Lord rested – are we superior to Him – that we can do more! This is not a sermon the Dr. was just in here – and I thought I'd pass it on. All the T.H.C.'s ought to resolve this – we are all old enough and perhaps have done most of our share in this world – and could do the remaining amount much better if we conserve our resources!

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Title
[F5D10AL], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 18th, 1927

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Alexander, Hugh
- Alexander, Cynthia Mandeville
- Alexander, Mary Valinda, (Mrs Charles E. Fritcher)
- Alexander, Lewis Miller
- Vicaji, Dorothy Elaine
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Visual arts
- Music

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Mina dear: I am sending this letter from Mary Fritcher to show you that she and Louis Alexander have had Grandfather and Grandmother Alexander's graves moved to St Ansgar. When I was there a couple of years ago. their graves were off in a little town of Newburg which had been entirely deserted of its inhabitants. And other graves had been removed but these two were there all sunken in and the stones while unharmed were on the ground. I am very glad they have been removed and know that you too will be interested. The St Ansgar cemetery while small is well kept and pretty. And in a community—

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large enough to move care.

I pick up your long letter to me and read and reread it - What a lot we are missing by being away from New York - but we gain a lot too. I've missed all the concerts and operas for two years now - Speaking of Bach - in your letter I could hear the orchestra playing Bach - I am like you I like Bach - never get tired of hearing it - John & Theodore don't know what they miss by not enjoying that artist. I am anxious to hear how your last Phil. Orch. went off and how the girls looked in their finery - We have been marooned for over a week by the rains - so I imagine the mail today will be enormous - ;

Did Thomas have his portrait done by Miss Vicaji? I should love to see her father's landscapes - I enjoy that class of painting very much more I think than portraits - however I would not miss having a portrait had I a family to pass it on too. You have been wonderfully good to that little girl of ours this winter - what with the concerts in your box and the week ends - and the lovely birthday party - (I can hardly wait for the news of that) She is a very fortunate young lady. She is having the time of her life with her little radio set - and seems very happy - It was fine your

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having her with your other guests - that is what she needs. things to get her into other lines of society - not altogether bound up with the Library - Width of vision is a wonderful thing - Father had that in great abundance.

Love to you two dearies - I wonder who is with you this year - I hope congenial nice people and let Edith do the house keeping so you really get a rest!! -

Mary.

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Hope my flowers were fine - I wanted them to be - thanks
for the telegram - it brought us quite near to you -
It's too bad flowers have to fade but they carry the
message of love in a sweet way - God bless them! & you!

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[F5D10AM], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 28th, 1927

Title
[F5D10AM], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 28th, 1927

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Falk, Otto Herbert
- Ford, Henry
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)

Date
1927-02-28

Type
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies

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ARIZONA

Feb. 28.'27

Well Mina dear. We do seem thousands of
miles apart now. It seems ages since your
telegram of safe arrival in Florida. I'm glad
the place was not as bad as you expected. I
know it's lovely! It would take another forty years
to get another such place! and think of the increase
in value dear, dear. It might have been in a
spot that would have gone down instead of up. My
how I wish I could just get a peek at you this
morning and have a little chat. I imagine you
are resting and that is right - since the letters
are so scarce. We got a wonderful discription
of your party through Mary Anne. She wrote a
lovly letter and told us every thing. She fully
enjoyed it and fell in love with Mr + Mrs Ford -
It must have been beautiful from the discription.
I guess my little flowers of love + well wishes were lost in the

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mass. I can see you standing there and receiving 600 wasn't it? And you call that informal. We were with you all day and I'm sure you could not have had a lovelier day - from all I read and hear. You must have been dead.

I have a cardinal here singing to me as I write! Will is taking his bath - and rub. I am waiting for him. He is getting tired of my horseback rides as he gets stronger he seems to want me even more than before - as I suppose before he slept a lot and read and didn't feel like moving too much. Now very often he is eager for a good hike and he wants me along - awkward tho' I be.

Today there is a big party of us going on a picnic about ten minutes from the hotel - up the canon. Will Mrs. Paul + a few of us will walk - while several go on horses - Induced Will to go as I think he must begin to try to mix a little bit with people, but I feel guilty - often after getting him to go - as it makes him very tired and then he gets depressed.

March 9. You see I dropped this and now will

fill in the gaps from this point to my next - Will and I climbed to the top of this cañon and found that it was a possibility - to go over the top and down another slope to the hotel - This we accomplished but last Sunday the 6th Genl Falk, pres. of Allis Chalmers - Mrs. Genl Faeson (wife of a retired General of the regular army - and a man all crippled with arthritis poor man) - and ourselves climbed Salvation peak - and boldly crawled (I crawled the rest walked) to the edge of the peak and looked down on a wonderful landscape some thousand feet below. Then we went on and found one way down the canyon mentioned above - This last was some feat as the stones and rocks are not secure and there is danger of rolling stones at every step. General Falk was rather anxious and for that reason refused to try. Willis and my next big hike up Governor's peak yesterday 8th This was not nearly as hard and oh the glorious view of the mountains miles and miles away - perhaps sixty miles or more - It was superb and paid for the supreme effort of climbing and the double one of descending - We had a little lunch on top so spent a couple of hours resting and enjoying the view and especially the soft dry air and sunshine. They saw us from the porch of the hotel and waved and a Mr. Lindsay flashed a light with a mirror - Congratulating us - and all envied us upon our return. I wonder which peak will be our next try. We leave a week from today or tomorrow 16th so we can't do many more -

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Title
[F5D10AN], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 11th, 1927

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Victor Talking Machine Co
- Osterhout, Winthrop John Van Leuven
- Falk, Otto Herbert
- General Electric Co
- Bessie (Servant)
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Edison, Marion Estelle
- Morrison, George Francis
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1927-03-11

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Management (companies and organizations)
- Health and medicine
- Rubber research
- Phonograph

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Castle Hot Springs Hotel
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HOT SPRINGS
ARIZONA

Mina dear:—

Your telegram came before your letter - so we did not know when we telegraphed our "all well" that you had been ill. I am certainly relieved to know you were well enough to write and then this telegram shows you well again. Tomaine is awful - do be careful what you eat, in the warm climate it's worse than north. You say very little of it and I hope you

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really are well again. Edith must have written before you were ill as her letter says nothing of it.

I'd love to be near enough to nurse and take care of you. I think it would be a good idea for us to employ a couple of nurses by the year - we seem to need them. I am sorry to hear about Marion I hope she is well again. She seems quite alone - neither Thomas or William congenial to her, in fact very few of any circle what she likes - I must write her to cheer her a little - we all need cheering especially if we are ill. Mr. Osterhout

I hadn't heard at all of his illness - and Robert Jr. I hope he is all right - I must write him too - Sorry Bessie is not feeling well - and Emily - that must make it hard for you - You rest - anyway Mina dear - and get strong for the north - you need Florida to help you through the rest of the year - I'm glad if Thomas has found Rubber plants that will be useful in the business - I'd love to go to Africa to see the jungle there - It must be wonderful! And that would not be crowded with people - Here we find that 125 people are a great - plenty on five acres - !!

I hope Charles & Theodore will surprise their father with a successful phonograph - I'm sure they have the chance if they take it - from what Mr Morrison said when he was here - Victor people are not so far ahead - you people have the organization and everything and Genl Elec. behind you.

I'd love to see your place - if only we had tickets 4
by way of Panama - Key West + Florida !! wouldn't
that be great - well another time - We've got to hustle
so we can do that some day. Gen'l Falk is still here
and yesterday Will came in to me - very pleased, and
said - "What do you think the General has asked me to
do"? "Go to the Edison Ill. Co in Los Angeles etc and
talk with the men I know there" - I was anxious that
he would not be nervous over it - and he seems to
think not - so it will be a little wedge into business.
I think the General was fine to do it - this way and
start him off in this easy way. I hope it proves
Easy and also successful.
Do you know of any really cheap *fine* buy - down
there - ? It would be fine to have a place. Perhaps
I could now buy the lot with the big pine trees that
popped up so many thousands before I decided - I love that
acreage - I can see it now as I write - the Strong(s) would know -

I mean Mrs. Newmans son-in-law -
Strong doesn't sound just right.

Gail + Mrs. Falk Mrs. Mechler Mr. W.
myself - and two guides took a
three hour ride this a.m. went
over wood chopper trail to French
Creek - up a stony creek - to Columbia
trail + home - ten miles any way -
The great mountains north of us
were most beautiful covered with
snow. The sight was lovely. It
makes us cooler here tho', we even
got some hail. Your little wood
fire sounds very cozy. I envy Thomas

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putting on the logs - for you.

Keep well, dearie sister, I am trying too, not to over do - but it's hard to let down and as this doctor here says. He says that I take a day a week in bed. First they told me what I might to do. a nap every aft. and now a day a week. I'll be in bed all the time pretty soon - at that rate. But I do think a rest afternoon is fine -

Love to you all -

Mary.

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Author

Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Michigan)
- Johnson, Gertrude J
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Wylie, Walker Gill
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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- Edison-Miller family
- Reminiscences
- Deaths and funerals
- Visual arts
- Health and medicine
- Automobiles and trucks
- Rubber research

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The Battle Creek Sanitarium
ESTABLISHED 1866
GUEST WRITING ROOMS
Battle Creek, Mich.

Minie my Minie, where are you?
We have been here nearly two weeks
and not a line from you!
What is the matter?
not sick?
are you?
I keep thinking and thinking of the
nice little visit we had from you
and think, will it ever happen again.
I was jealous of your long visit at
Chautauqua!
Both you and Louise so busy you
couldn't say good morning to
Battle Creekers!
Will has left me, gone to Milwaukee.
Till Sunday a.m.
There are a few nice ladies here that

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are helping me pass the time.
Mrs. Johnson (Homer) of Cleveland especially nice - poor woman has had a daughter go through two operations and the second coming right on top of the first has caused them great anxiety. It was relieved last night at eight when things turned for the better. She let me take her car twice and I've had two lovely drives into the country taking other patients that needed cheering.

I loved your dear letter I've read that over and over in the absence of new ones. We are staying another week after Wee returns - Priestley He has considerable trouble urinating but I trust it does not mean an operation at this time. He looks so well and seems so well outside of that I hate to disturb the condition. The doctor says it is not immediate except that it seems to

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Battle Creek, Mich.
GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Worry Hill

Now it is 7 a.m. and I must run to my round of duties, I've already had one bath 6.20 - a spray hot and cold. It certainly starts the day well.-

Emil Fuchs, the artist, is here. He wants so much to paint Dr. Kellogg and I feel they ought to take advantage of the opportunity; however he is now laid low with hemorroids, had an operation and will be better after he gets about again. Says he has suffered with them for years. You remember Dr. Wylie took mine out that time Grace & I were with you in '98. That awful year! Mine have never returned and I thank goodness

Dr. Wylie went ahead and relined it.
I imagine John needs something of this kind - and Edward.
Mr Fuchs sits at our table - He said he would charge nothing to paint Thomas - I was asking him what he would charge.

We miss Mary Anne - but she is happy and that is worth everything. She will be better all winter for this happy exhilerating month.

Grace writes she expects John & Florence this sunday. John was so dear to help me about the car - I was eager to have it - then the man at the Lincoln factory was so discouraging that I gave it up. I feel I am foolish perhaps - as we wouldnt get much for our car anyway after using it four or five years. They thought here they ought to put in the four wheel brakes for me. It would cost here $450. but I suppose for them much less.

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The Battle Creek Sanitarium
"ANNEX"
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Battle Creek, Mich.
GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Love to you all. How is Rubber Coming on? Hope we get another visit from you both. That one was a peach only cut too short. Dr. Johnson sends love. She seems the same as ever perhaps a little stronger. She has lots of vitality — altho looking so frail.

Wish you, dear sister, were here with me getting fixed up. Can't you come at once and be here ten days or two weeks with us. I know you would be so much better all the rest of your life. Do come!

Love always.

Mary.

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Just have a big bunch of flowers from the hostess Mrs. Harvey.

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Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Michigan)
- Miller, Cotta Smyser (Mrs Lewis A.)
- Osterhout, Olga
- Osterhout, Anna Landstrom (Mrs Winthrop J.V.)
- Osterhout, Winthrop John Van Leuven
- Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research
- Monhegan Island (Maine)
- Edison, Charles
- Bird and Tree Club
- City View Storage Co
- Boyd, Cora Dunham (Mrs Willard W.)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, William Leslie
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Vincent, George Edgar
- Nichols, Marian
- Miller, Milton Smyser

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- Newspapers, books, other publications
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- Health and medicine
- Automobiles and trucks

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"ANNEX"
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Battle Creek, Mich
GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Sister Mary's

Dearest sister:

To rest your mind if my last letter already did not do so - there is nothing the matter with me. My program is mostly one of sport waiting for Nice to recuperate.

6^{30} hot and cold spray - fine!
dress and write you -
7^{40} breakfast.
an excellent cantaloupe or
" " honey dew.
soft boiled egg -
melba gluten bread toast.
1/4 pat of butter.
1 glass acid opholis butter milk.
write or read etc till
9^{00} swim; trying hard!
9^{40} Medical gym - trying to

loosen up my joints and while I am here gets rid of surplus rheumatism, certainly improving. Could hardly wiggle my toes under when I came and now don't feel it at all !!! –

10^{15} Colon massage [(I guess on general principals – they say I have catarrh of the colon but am much better) (nearly everybody has this trouble, its the basis of this sanitarium.)]

10 45 bath – every day a different kind – always hot and cold fomentations – then a sinusoidal, bubble, cabinet, salt glow – spray percussion etc ad infinitum.

11.15 Massage scalp treatment which is great! I kept thinking all the time what a great thing for Minnie – and Grace – I'll try and give you one (often, when I get home. I am trying to get in one every day till I go but fear the time is all taken – Miss Milburn is trying to save me any time one gives up.

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Battle Creek, Mich.
GUEST WRITING ROOMS

12.45 a bang up B.C. Dinner - I often wonder if they would not fix you + Thomas up in short order - but neither of you would have the patience - It's a great trainer of patience (and I'm about taught.)

2 - or there about I've had several games of golf - perhaps five - and am improving very very slowly. I'm not really an athlete! - Tike has had two or three games - his operation stopped any more.

4 or 5 play - sleep - read - write - visit other sick people etc.

6 supper!
8 program of the evening lecture, concert,
10 bed -

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We will be starting home some day this week - Will says just the minute we can get there. Will is now going to the dining room for his meals - and seems alright except it still hurts him to urinate. The Dr. says he will be much better as soon as the wound heals. I truly hope so - for he has suffered with it greatly.

I am sorry indeed about the Osterhout affair - Will says he never was much impressed with Mr. Osterhout - And he better watch his step or he will be ousted from the Rockerfellar Foundation. He thinks George wouldn't stand for any thing like this but I don't know if that is so. It's a shame anyway. A man with Grown daughters - I am sorry for them all - but never mind "tout passé". There is loads of sweetness in life if we let the bitter alone! - and certainly Mrs. Osterhout has the sweetness - two lovely girls - we think

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The Battle Creek Sanitarium
"ANNEX"
ESTABLISHED 1866
GUEST WRITING ROOMS
Battle Creek, Mich.

them both – the fine sort –

Dear old Monhegan I wonder if I ever see it again! I am glad Anne & Theodore went up. I ought to put up a shack for the family any one who wants to go up – snuggle it down in the rocks or depressions so it wouldn't show at all –

You certainly had a house full with all your visitors – but I imagine that is what you want with that lovely home of yours – you want people to want to come – It always piles up – tho' and that makes it hard for you. People talk about just telling the butler or some one – "We are

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having Lee for dinner, over night, etc. - and all is done - I wonder if it ever is done as easy as that! I'll miss Robert Miller family entirely. The children will all be men and women before I see them so much of them - Your grand children seem to have grown up and I only get glimpses. Such is life!

We already are talking of Arizona - I dread to think of being away so much from home but of course Will must not be exposed this winter of all winters. We will close the house tho' this time and Marian can stay in town. Alice was dying to do it last winter, but things were too complicated for me to close the house..

Isn't it wonderful about Akron - I hope it all will be fine and Hal deserve all our love and praise - John and Grace too - they have all worked to make it a success. Darling Father and Mother how happy they would be to see it all! Father dear was so discourage about our (children's) ability to battle against the world. I think we show great wisdom in letting Halbert help. Don't you?

You must have had a great time at the

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50th anniversary - We seem to miss many of your great occasions. Marion seems to avoid these occasions - she is right in the neighborhood. Well if it makes her happier it's the best thing!

Charles certainly is forging ahead. It's fine to hear all the good things about him. Sorry he didn't go to see Lenie's place. It would have pleased Lenie so much.

Glad to hear William is O.K. again. We all had a pretty serious time last fall. Hope this winter will hold all the good things for all! I never saw his former home I trust I may this.

What great fun you must have had at Chautauqua. I love your letter and I'll send it on Marian and Lenie too, to read - They will return it. (I guess Lenie + Milton have the whooping cough all night as a postal from Colla says they are still coughing, not bad however as they are camping some where with friends. Her postal reads "Lenie & I still cough but think Lenie some better." must have been Whooping cough as nothing checks it".

I think Lotta is kind of Christian Science. She never seems willing to consult a real doctor. Goes to a chiropractor.)

That was a great stunt to sing instead of trying to make a speech - and I pushed to think you two did it - and it received so much applause. Of course it was the reason they took in more money because it put everybody in good humor. I can see you two are booked for Chautauqua every year. I hope Mrs. Boyd stays President of B & T. I never was much of a club woman but women seem to like it and I suppose it makes for force & strength.

Have you read Mother India! I am thankful we are all Americans!

Glad you like the car - We are still in doubts as to whether we should take it but Will thinks we will finally get it at our price. John has got them to say they will go 50-50 on putting in 4 wheel brakes - It would be foolish to put off

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taking it if we come anywhere near agreeing. Glad you like it.

Well always write on ~~this~~ that paper It does seem shiny & easy. This paper drags.

Will must go now — so I'll send this with him. Don't worry about me Mina - I'll always tell you if anything serious troubles me (that's the trouble I never can keep still)

Love Mary.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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My flowers are still lovely - or were last night - this is 7. A. M. I sent the [illegible] this morning from Hicks they were fine - fresh & beautiful. Now you eat them - not alone in the kitchen as they do some times

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SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Darling Richie :-

Wasn't that grand news yesterday morning and I take it continued for you did not telephone last night. I was delighted to hear your own voice giving me the news - I know how glad you were in your heart - like the thrill I got when Bill said, good morning Mary - after all those weeks. Just be patient dearie mine - and keep rested - let the others do what they will - you have the

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biggest part to come - not to let him be depressed -

I can't imagine Thomas depressed but you can, you know he is not always so buoyant as he seems to outsiders. Oh, darling sister - I know how you feel - and how helpless I feel that I cannot help you - Our thoughts and prayers are with you every minute - I can hardly hold myself here but I know that's the best thing to keep the house quiet - no disturbance - Do you remember how we nursed Madeleine through scarlet fever, wasn't it? it hardly seems possible now - but we did it as successfully as they do it today - Well we must grow with the times - and be graceful about it - I love you dearly. God bless you - and yours! Mizpah - Mary.

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- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Nancy
- Miller, Stuart Alexander
- Miller, Grace A
- Ford, Henry
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Dearest Mina and Florence

I thot I'd hold out till you sent me a postal or some line— but I find I'm getting restless. Are you not rested by this time — or is the whooping cough John has just written about making you and Florence all tired out. Poor little kiddies— its too bad for them to be so afflicted— and I hope the modern treatment is helping to lessen their suffering. Tell them I have bought something today— for Santa Claus to give them way next Christmas— Does this stop their bathing in the pool?

We have been expecting Sinie for some time now— but have heard nothing from him. Imagine he

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is busy gathering in the oranges. Cotta writes 375 boxes from the lower branches - and lemons too are ready. I am so glad for him that he is in such happy circumstances

I have tried to find Harry + Parita Miller at Tucson - but telephone calls and letters have all failed - so they must be away some where. Too bad - Parita was a very fine girl - I have the pleasantest memories of her visit at Oak Place.

Will seems pretty well again now - this exile from N.Y. and his business affairs however, has been a very sore trial for him this year. Last year he was so ill it was easy - but this year he is chaffing under it - and feels he is losing out. He has had two weeks in bed though since we left N.Y. so I imagine the doctor is right and we should cultivate warm weather in the winter. This is my third winter without any cold weather - I'll soon be a delicate green house plant myself.

Is Florence still with you? If so this is for you both and all - I have had such an exciting time gathering different specimens of Arizona Cacti-

Florence wrote me to gather some
for her - so I think I'll have enough
for us all when I return. I'm sure
there are some - and Mr. Fulmer,
Will's secretary, is looking out for
them. His last letter simply announced
the arrival of two boxes - so perhaps
the poor fellow has lost his
early enthusiasm by being too
much pricked.

I am eager to hear of the specimen
I sent Thomas. I imagine it was
lactic fluid and not latex. It was
a fine specimen of it's kind any
way. Do you realize that all
the cactus in the world(?) come from
Mexico and this part of the U.S. I
read that some where in the floral books.
The deserts are very interesting - grow
more and more so - as one gets close
to them. However, I would not care
to live permanently except in a place

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where things grow. The irrigation systems here are marvelous – and all this Salt River Valley region will soon be one great oasis – no desert. The dams are getting to be manifold – one running into the other and thus conserving the precious water. The scenery about the lakes and dams thus formed is most magnificent. Our party of three cars – last Friday – composed of rich bankers of San Francisco Southern Pacific officials – Roosevelt Dam Engineers – all went wild over the beauty of it all. The Southern Pacific proposes to build a fine hotel on the Apache lake – (formed by the Horse Mesa dam) – and this drive was all to see if the bankers would negociate the bonds – They seem to have been willing in fact enthusiastic – so I suppose by next summer, winter, I mean – there will be another hotel in the region. This United States is really growing too fast – everywhere it seems to be piling up on itself – It hardly seems possible that we can take care financially of such huge projects. I imagine thousands of people are tiring of the eternal European trips and are glad to find this more

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primitive and still very comfortable life of the west.

I am writing you volumes - Well it will make up for the weeks that have passed - and perhaps will draw a line or two from you Grace seems to be getting through the winter without any bad cold - thank fortune - and knock on wood. My letters from her seem to be. I have had a nice letter or two - but would be glad for more --

I am driving a car now - every day from Mesa sixteen miles in to Phoenix. We had a beautiful trip all by ourselves from here - to Tucson - Nogales, Mexico. Circle Z Ranch - back to Tucson - and Oracle and Mesa - where we have been for the past week - a little Mormon town. At Tucson we visited the dearest old lady I've seen in many a day Mrs. R.H. Rockwell grandmother of Rockwell Hereford - classmate of Theodore at Tech. She is 86 - a dear, dear capable woman - She seemed so to remind me of Mother that I could hardly contain myself. I dreaded to leave her - she seemed so delicate and lonesome. She lost her daughter Adeline, who needed her most. two years ago - and just now Adeline's husband. It leaves her four grand children without either parent - Rockwell the oldest about Theodore's age is appointed guardian for all the others. A great responsibility - but a very fine fellow - and capable.

I have written John several times - but have not heard from him since his return to Orange. I am wondering if Florence is with you - I read of you in the papers - & the Ford's, remember us to them, but nothing of Florence & the children. Love to you all - each and every one. It will not be long now till we all gather back near New York. I'll not be sorry - I miss you all so much - altho' - I see so little of you even when at home. As Richard used to say G.B.Y. and return you all safe - Mizpah —

Mary

Will's bottle is still intact thank Goodness! and thank you - I've written before of that.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Miller, Cotta Smyser (Mrs Lewis A.)
- Ludwig, Emil
- Bessie (Servant)
- Bacheller, Irving
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Ford, Henry
- Nichols, William Wallace
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)

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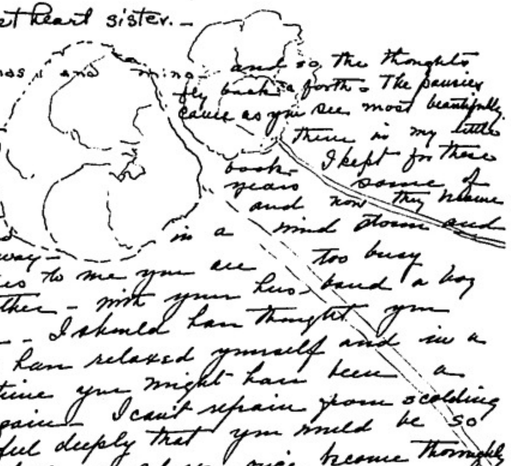

Thomas " and mine - and so the thoughts fly back & forth. The pansies came as you see most beautifully. Ive put there in my little flower book - I kept for these many years some of Mothers - and now they became entangled in a wind storm and flew away -

Seems to me you are too busy altogether - with your hus-band a boy again - I should have thought you would have relaxed yourself and in a short time you might have been a girl again. I can't refrain from scolding for I feel deeply that you would be so much better, could you once become thoroughly rested and rejuvenated - (humming bird over my head) - Can't you get a stenographer to help you, a secretary - down there - to acknowledge all that mail - Certainly you do not have to do that all by hand - these days. You owe so much more than you owe the public - to your family - I wish I were a trained secretary - so I could help you - in that way - If you send up about a thousand of those birthday greetings I think I could acknowledge them for you - So you would be satisfied with my english and com-position - Will often congratulates me on my way of putting things - more especially in writing -

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What a wonderful birthday he must have had. I can imagine how proud you are of your husband - he is so wonderfully great - because I am so proud of mine - understanding whenever he has time - That is his life so thoughts and theories - [illegible] I have so scientific research is [illegible] - I am so thankful we all three have this particular kind of man - They are much more interesting than merchants - or people that deal in money. I suppose a great banker too, would be interesting - but my way of thinking he would have to be great - in that line - a little one is very uninteresting is some and body! —

Dear old John I am sure he tried to help. He is such a darling. I hope Florence appreciates him to the full. Edward would have made a wonderful home had he had the right kind of wife - and even now perhaps he is pulling himself into line even with the huge load he has to carry.

I am having a quiet day (at least till noon) today - Cotta has gone to town to see some one and Will to Los Angeles on business - Jimie busy with the gardener - so I am just doing this (what I feel like doing) - Most days - in fact all days so far - we have gone on motor trips winding up at a luncheon. These people are very popular - and both enjoy being popular and going - so the invitations are many. It must be this way nearly all the time as all these luncheons had to be extended to include us, showing how busy they must be even without guests. I imagine they take in more of the country when they have guests - making long detours so as to show the lovely drives they have here - which are endless -

What happened to Bessie -? I suppose her strength finally gave out - like my Elsa - she could no more - poor girl - I think she misses being at our house but really can't see how she can do the work -

Lena's husband ought to have come to you and helped on the place - for his sake! -

Imagine all the whole U.S. is a bee hive - for you speak of Florida being a bee-hive - and certainly Arizona was and is - and here there seems to be no limit to the activity. I am sitting by and watching everybody busy-busy - Well perhaps another year Will will be able to stay at home - and we can get busy there.

The birds here are plentiful - but there are so many many leaves that it's like hunting a needle in a hay stack. I can hear them and hunt hunt - but rarely find the singer. I can tell many by their song - and resemblance to songs - but I'm not positive that I'm correct.

I wonder when you saw your bald eagle. I saw a beauty on Lake Apache March 8th. He stood on a dead tree right by the shore of the lake and we had a marvelous view of him - and oh what a wonderful drive to Roosevelt dam - seeing all

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the succeeding dams - holding back the great volumes of water making marvelously beautiful lakes - in the mt. tops. How I longed for you and Thomas - dearie sister - but I suppose the Canadian rockies far exceed any thing I saw, in beauty. But how we long to have those we love see the same wonderful things we are seeing.

How the people everywhere adore your Thomas. The papers of course were full of his birthday - and his Ford story about the "wonderful things they grow in Florida" They would say (these in Arizona) - "I wish Mr. Edison would come out here and see Arizona". We would just love to have him see our lovely (different) country. I asked how much he would have to buy if he came - "Oh nothing - we don't want him to buy - we want his interest in the deserts and just to have him see it - see if he doesn't like it". I, too, wish he would come especially for your sake too - just sit around and get acquainted with the deserts - they get "under the skin" as it were and one either loves intensely or can't stand them at all. I think you two would love intensely.

What a crowd of wonderful people you had this winter - I hope you had them all write (sentiment and all) in your guest book! Just think of hobbnobbing with such intellectual people! That makes life worth living doesn't it? Dr Dawson - Ludwig - Emil Mr + Mrs. - I wonder if a book is to be forthcoming that would be great. he is such an interesting writer. We met Irving Bachellor for the second time last year at Lake Placid - Got quite well acquainted and Will had numerous games of golf with him and I luncheon relations with Mrs. Bachelor. We enjoyed them both. Of course we met the Dewey's often - all the others I do not know altho' - I met Dr. Holt - (just introduced) his wife is a member of the Auxilliary Childrens Aid in New York -

I should think you would be exhausted - I am here - with all this entertaining - I've lost my voice - it's all husky - and these people are just every day people - no great strain on one's nerves to meet and entertain them, and I've only had a week of it - what & how can you keep going - year in & year out!!

Here's a California blue Jay! right under my feet! my 1st. excuse me a minute! . . . .

Too bad about Florence & the children: It spoiled their visit - but I am glad they went into a house of their own. It's hard to entertain and when the guests are ill - well, I should always say don't visit! I am firmly convinced of that - You were wonderful to me when I spent that week at your house two, yes, three years ago! It did me a world of good - I might have been much sicker than I was, had I not had that relief from my Scarsdale home. I often wonder what the matter was, any way - first I think it one thing then another - Well any way - that week in your lovely home - and rest in that quiet room - with the darling little poem by the bedside - and the glowing fire in the fire place that seems to beckon to one to get well and keep happy - Its a wonderful room - Every room in your house has precious memories for me! I mustn't forget Bessie bringing those morning trays with the dear rose or flower of some kind every morning - there seemed to be a great peace pervading every thing. I will always thank you dear sister - always.

Speaking of birds - I saw great flocks of the yellow headed wood pecker. Their music was very pretty and constant, as I was driving by a ranchers house in Arizona. I stopped and pretty soon a young woman came out - and she was the ranchers wife - had lived all her life on the deserts there in Arizona. now had a boy seven - and both loving and interested in the birds. She had even had "bird glasses" - but some one had stolen them from her car a year ago. She had the mourning doves - eat by her feet - flocks of them - but the cat climbed up to a nest they had in the vine on the house and killed all the little birds - so she gave up feeding them as She couldn't bear to see them killed. Rather interesting - a girl with meagre education - loving nature so. A road runner ran by near us - a black headed Phoebe sat on the fence - and a shrike watched from the top of a bush - She knew them all - I must have stayed an hour or more. She seemed so happy to have a visitor! I am so glad you had the joy of seeing the painted bunting! - my greatest joy I think this winter was the Painted red start. but the bunting - what a delight! -

I wonder how we could see the Detroit museum - as we pass through - it would be interesting to see - perhaps this year the old labratory would not be up yet - but they would be working on it. Seems strange to have it taken away from it's original settings - I almost wonder that you could give it up! - It's history!

It's fine to have Thomas so well. You certainly must take care of yourself - Do, do, please get strong and rested as he is. We all want you to, We have many years to live yet why not live them to the fullest - by having perfect health! I hear you cussing me out - but I'm far away - and so can say all this - even if it does no good.

Hope your babies all arrive - one after the other and you have a glorious time. Give our love to each & every one - your own dear self and Thomas. It's fine to know he is so improved & enthusiastic.

Love Mary. 3-2032

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Will is looking for his letter - all puffed up!

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Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Nancy
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

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To N. Y. City
April 29/28.

Mina dear:—

Will miss you! Our arrival
home seems strange indeed.
John represents the Miller family —
but I doubt his being nearer than
telephone. I wrote him to meet
Louise if he could Monday - but
I will be home so I'll meet her.
What a lot has happened since
you & I left home - Marian
Europe Grace Europe Rachel Europe,
etc etc. Our family seems to be
looking up!!
It's hard to write on the train
but I wanted you to know
we are thinking of you
constantly and hoping you both
are keeping well. We are.
I'll write a real letter later.

Love
Mary. 3-2031

May 1st

Home!

My train letter did not get mailed owing to no envelope - so I'll add a bit.

Yesterday John Florence Nancy arrived from Orange and I from Scarsdale to meet Louise & Rachel - I dropped them at Plain Face after a very delicious Tea by John at McCallister - near your Fifth Ave mansion.

John worked hard at the perfection of my car - poor boy felt responsible having examined it and saying it was fine. Well it was fine and now finer - The generator regulates itself now so no cut over or under charge! Isn't that marvelous - and the little thing goes like a bird - a very comfortable car altho most people would say too small inside. I want it small as I think a big car too bulky for New York.

Thursday I have invited the Edison Orange ladies & Miller ladies of Orange & Pelham and Melfield to luncheon - farewell to Rachel. I hope she has a beauty trip - Marian certainly has enjoyed her trip - She returns May 18th -

Love to you and Thomas - I often - - wonder how you are standing the heat - but Madeleine just told me you don't seem to think it so bad. I suppose it gets about so hot & then stays there.

Your devoted sister

Mary.

Grace's postal seems happy in Algiers -

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[F5D10AU], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 27th, 1928

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Nichols, Ida Cornelia (Mrs Harrison J. Holt)
- Edison, Charles
- Adams, Edward Dean
- Kunz, George Frederick
- Edison, William Leslie
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Blanche Travers (Mrs William L.)
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Hammer, William Joseph

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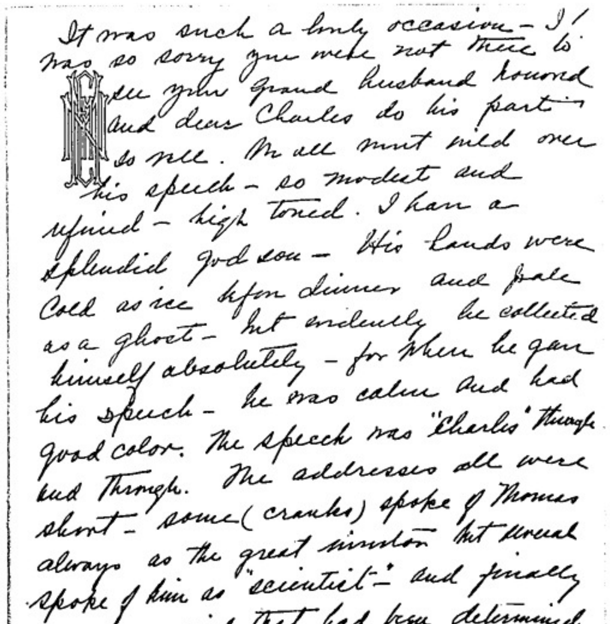

It was such a lovely occasion - I was so sorry you were not there to see your grand husband honored and dear Charles do his part so well. We all went wild over his speech - so modest and refined - high toned. I have a splendid god son - His hands were cold as ice before dinner and pale as a ghost - but evidently he collected himself absolutely - for when he gave his speech - he was calm and had good color. The speech was "Charles" through and through. The addresses all were short - some (cranks) spoke of Thomas always as the great inventor but several spoke of him as "scientist" - and finally one man said that had been determined now for ever - by his having been aclaimed

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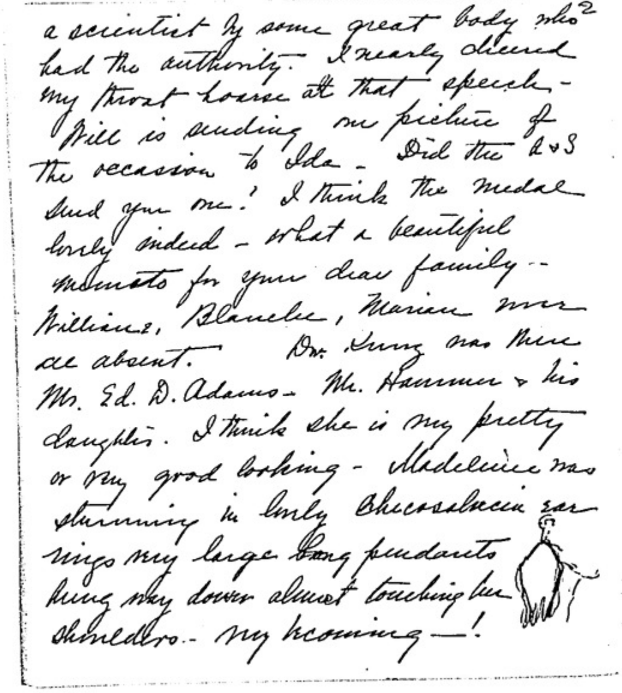

a scientist by some great body who had the authority. I nearly cheered my throat hoarse at that speech - Will is sending me picture of the occasion to Ida - Did the A+S send you one? I think the medal lovely indeed - what a beautiful memento for your dear family -- Williams, Blanche, Marian were all absent. Dr. Kunz was there Mr. Ed. D. Adams - Mr. Hammer & his daughter. I think she is very pretty or very good looking - Madeleine was stunning in lovely [illegible] ear-rings very large long pendants hung way down almost touching her shoulders -- very becoming --!

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Caroline looked very sweet in a blue satin with a big pink rose on her shoulder which took away the feeling of too much blue — Anne, to me is always lovely — her clothes do not make an impression — she's like Louise in that — her clothes do not matter. a very lovely girl. your boys of course were all stunning — What a privilege to have all those young people yours. to be proud of — to love and enjoy — and all fine fellows —

I've put a handkerchief over Will's eyes — and I think it's been effective for he is still quiet and I've written all this — He comes home so depressed that I hardly know what to do. if I get him to get a nap he picks up. but he no longer has any endurance — I think that operation was too awfully severe — you know he has a hernia in the wound and they say if he were younger they would have another operation but at his age do not advise it. He's around — goes to town daily but that probably is what uses him up so quickly — no endurance.

Love dearie — to you both — won't your place be glad to see you — and won't we all rejoice when we know you are in Orange. Love from us all —

Mary.

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[F5D10AV], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 1st, 1928

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Eastman Kodak Co
- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Michigan)
- Johnson, Gertrude J
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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The Battle Creek Sanitarium
ESTABLISHED 1866
GUEST WRITING ROOMS
Battle Creek, Mich.

Mina dear. —

I see by the paper that you and Thomas helped to launch the new picture Color kodak- movies etc. It must have been very interesting to see all the inside workings- you have seen so many tho' that it probably was not so wonderful to you.

I think of you so often on my rounds of rubs and baths- and only wish you might be taking time for a time of three weeks. They would

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make you well - you respo
so to massage. This mor
I told Mrs. Torres - the head mas
that I was going to take her
to your house for her vacation
She gives a marvelous massage
and you would be fine in
a few treatments. If only I could
learn how well enough so I
could give them to you - but
you never really let me rub
for more than five minutes

Mrs. Garvey has gone - poor
little woman didn't enjoy it
very much. She had the most
elegant of rooms in the new
building, double room with twin
beds - and a nurse's room off with
another bed. She wanted a nurse
as she felt timid finding her
way round. Had her breakfast

The Battle Creek Sanitarium
"ANNEX"
ESTABLISHED 1866
Battle Creek, Mich.

GUEST WRITING ROOMS

alone in her room - and then her lunch on the lawn in one of those adirondack chairs - Came to the dining room for dinner and sat with some very nice looking people - They just told me since she left - that she didn't like any of the food - Too bad, but I think one has to enter in and be one of a group to really like Battle Creek. She wasn't ill at all she said - and I guess she wasn't as she looked very well indeed. She had some business in Cincinnati that she had to attend to - so had to leave.

I missed your wonderful bunch of flowers upon arrival - they have always greeted me here-to-fore - so

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no wonder I felt sort of lonely at — no Mina — to say — here I am — love me — love my flowers — and be happy and get well — Well I wasn't sick so there was no reason to say all that — but that was what the flowers always said to me.

Imagine now you are at Chautauqua or gone home again Dr. Kellogg says — to tell Thomas to take Caxto Dextrin — stir six dessert spoons full into a glass of hot water. It's some thing like the consistency of malted milk — very easy to digest being almost water. A soluble, anti toxic highly concentrated food. I am waiting with you — with great anxiety and interest — in the result of Thomas having his teeth out. I am certain in my own mind you will be happy indeed, when that is accomplished — The teeth no longer will poison his whole system. We are both thinking of you both and loving you —

Will is better but I have at last discovered why he cannot endure any length of time in N.Y. He has a blood pressure of 105 — very low indeed — showing low vitality — He is all right if not strenuous but hurrying to N.Y. — and battling with big problems — with strong forceful men — uses up all the reserve force he has.

"ANNEX"
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The Battle Creek Sanitarium
GUEST WRITING ROOMS.
Battle Creek, Mich.

He wants to keep up and fights at it till he has to give up.

Poor Dr. Johnson has all the trouble in the world - she has had sinus operations and this last month mastoid and now is battling with a strepicoccus germ which started all this trouble. She always did look frail - but now she is frailer. Today she has a bad headache added to it all. How do you suppose she keeps up with her Doctor's duties here - just on nerve I am sure.

Love to all the dear ones - big and little - Keep well & happy -

Your loving sister - Mary.

Aug. 1-28.
birthdays of last month.
Father dear July 2d
Margaret 21st
Elizabeth 8th
Robert Jr. 20th
Mina Lucy 6th
Theodore 10th
Nancy 30th
Stuart 21st
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I thought of

you as each one went by — Love of
mine thinking of them.
M.

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[F5D10AW], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 5th, 1929

Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- U.S. Tariff Commission
- Hoover, Lou Henry (Mrs Herbert C.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Ford, Henry
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Hoover, Herbert Clark
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Harding, Warren Gamaliel

Date
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Type
Letter

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- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)
- National government (U.S.)
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My dear Mina —

As Mary caught a severe cold which put her to bed in the care of a nurse for several days, from which she is now convalescing, I'm acknowledging your latest to us three, rec'd at my office. — As Mary was sick here instead of at Scarsdale, we had to adjust ourselves to something different. He found an excellent Dr. (Berry by name) thanks to "boyhood friends" of mine with whom we had dined but two nights before. And he found an excellent nurse — so, as Mary is again herself — tho' naturally weakened a bit, everything turned out well. — Now, don't "fancy" anything. If everything was not well — I'd not say so. If there is any relapse (it was only a mild 'Flu' attack) I'll tell you.

I'm to write you our joint opinions as to inviting Mr. Hoover. You must know, that Mr. H. is today a very different personage than the one you entertained in Glenmont. He can't be in Ft. Myers to receive there your "casual" invitation. That is altogether out of the question!! Any invitation must now be vested with a formality required in the case of the Pres. of the U.S. — You may have to entertain his "retinue", — most certainly such secret service men as his safety demands. You recall "camping" Pres. Harding? The only difference lies in the train of secretaries, reporters etc. Indeed, I can hardly imagine Mr. Hoover making the effort so short a time before his inaugurating, unless he can drive over "pay his respects" to your exalted octogenarian and return to Belle Isle – all in one day. He *might* fly over, but the Gov't probably would not permit it. – At any rate, you will *have to* invite him *immediately* and we hope you will. – Let me suggest, that you phone Mr. Firestone (I can understand your reluctance to do so, or to apparently lend yourself to his "advertising schemes") for he must be in touch and is the only one competent to advise and certainly you don't want Mr. & Mrs. Hoover conclude that you don't want them. Don't forget that the U.S. has *expected* Mr. Hoover to greet the Great Edison *on his birthday*! It makes no difference how the U.S. was led to expect such a thing. Now as it has been expected, anticipated, I don't see how you can get out of it, without giving Mr. Hoover some idea, you don't want him to have. – I hope this will help you to do the right thing. Mary says also, why not invite him – just as you have others – without consulting Thomas. For one, I'm sure the latter would not merely approve, he would exult – for I have reason to know that he admires Hoover above all.

Our move to N.Y. has proven good in more than one way. My work goes, – Mary is removed from the care of housekeeping – tho' she misses "home" sometimes. After two weeks

I rented this apt. for the month of Feb'y — so you see, what we are figuring on. We shall have to get away during March & April (?) but we are making no plans other than I'm "to speak" on "Commercial Arbitration" in Washington on Feby 14th. and to appear before the House Ways & Means Committee on Tariff Administration, Feby 25th. So I'm doing my utmost to dodge Flu and other interferences.-

Now, don't worry about the Hoover's. It will come out right — any way. And you'll be happy afterward. After all they are "plain people"; you know.-

Much love and best wishes from us all

Lovingly
Will. -

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Never mind the Firestones or Fords. They are sometimes happy means to end — don't overlook that.

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[F5D10AX], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 9th, 1929

Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- New York Post
- Kent, Fred I
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Ford, Henry
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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My dear Mina -

Mary, who is still in bed but much better, asks me to send you the enclosure - of which, more anon. It's more important to tell you that the Dr will __not__ call tomorrow; that Mary can sit up a short spell, but __I__ insisted on keeping the nurse until she can get around fully.- She looks better than ever. but complains of weakness - not surprising, considering. We are talking of getting away in March.- I can't get away before and keep my engagements.- We may go to Porto Rico and again, we may not.- We read of your "doings" - daily. The Post had an account last night of how Ford on his arrival rushed across "the river that separates the two estates etc". Pretty accurate for a newspaper.- We shall be curious to see what happens to you on the 11th. Pls. give our greetings to the 82 yr. old youngster, with our love and hearty good wishes. "May he live long & prosper" rubberward, at this time.- I met your son Charles in his new office, at a trustee meeting yesterday & have heard him on the phone twice since. So, I know everything is well with yours. Your note - too short by words - came to us three o.k. & we have mixed feelings when you write how busy you are. "Be ye temperate in __all__ things", (vide St. Paul's Epistles) and set a good example for others.- Cut it out!!! - Of course, you will need to do "the proper thing" on the 11th. but after that better let somethings slide. You'll live longer & happier probably. and the folks will love you just the same. otherwise you'll soon moan "We toil thru pain & wrong, we fight, we fly. We love, we lose and then e'er long stone-dead we lie. Oh! Life is all thy song — endure & die?". Ponder over that a bit. — Mr. Beard died two years abt. ago. We lunched with Mrs. B & daughter several weeks before the latter's marriage & nothing was said about it.

Now as to the Kents. They are neighbors and almost our most intimate, for its Fred & Etta, Will & Mary all around. He was one of the big factors (financial) during the war, in practical charge of our financing our allies. after the war he spent months at a time — in one case a year — abroad working out financial reorganizations for all gov'ts and he has been decorated by most of them. So he was a man of unique importance. Then, he was senior V.P. of Banker's Trust Co. but he retired a year ago & is now only a Director. They have one of the show places in Scarsdale. They are people of simple tastes and he is full of fun, as you can see from his letter. He has been very ill and is deaf — very much so, with a wonderful aid to hearing, which I'm sure he would be glad to show you. There you have the story. Some of this, I think you already know from Mary. — We don't want you to feel in any way obligated to show them any attention, which they would not want. They would like to see Seminole Lodge, that's all, of which they have heard so much from us. And they may not reach Ft. Myers.

The weather has moderated until it is now too warm & moist tonight. Air saturated & I presume, grippy. I wish I could get Mary out of it, but I fear she will not leave me here to even Marian's care. That's what near-invalidism has done for me.

Much love to you both, from us, three.

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Will.

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Title

[F5D10AX1], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 18th, 1929

Author

Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Nancy
- Miller, Stuart Alexander
- Edison Pioneers
- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

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Mina dear: Thank you first of all for the lovely cyclamone. It is lovely and a great surprise to have John come bearing it in his arms. John Florence and Edith all looked so happy coming from the Edison luncheon – Florence with a big branch of pink camelia's and Edith a big bunch of violets and red roses. John + Florence had awful head colds – I told them I was sure they would all have colds for two weeks ago when we went over for Sunday dinner little Stuart had an awful head cold and Nancy was playing with him and they were one and all using their own handkerchiefs for his relief. I suppose you will say "where did you get your cold"? Well I confess I was foolish too. I went to Scarsdale to do

I was very interested in this article of "Americans are 3
Becoming Home owners" - I thot it would interest you
greatly - as you are so especially interested in the subject.
We can't hurry things - great changes take place which cause
change in conditions and it takes years to readjust - come
to our senses - as it were - perhaps not really that - either as
all the time, as in this case, people wanted the house - but were
actually ousted by conditions - . . . .
. . . . . the above Several days ago.

Feb. 18/29. I see I failed to finish and mail
this - but I'm sure I wrote another - This
may be a repetition -
It seems odd to be so high up - and
see no birds except pigeons flying in
flocks back & forth, back & forth - If we
come in here next year I must have a
bird or two - perhaps a pair parrot - a cat or a
day.

do some looking into conditions there (we
have come away very unprepared) and
the house was cold - also Gilbert (the furnace
boy) had just recovered from a very hard
attack of the flu - really looked very bad, a
colored boy but actually pale, - I think, perhaps
his breath must have crossed my line
of breathing - any way the rattle in my chest
began that night - I stood as far away
from him too as I could - took no
chances knowingly -

I see by the papers - you had to
have special telegraph operators - to
take the birthday telegrams! Now don't
for mercy sakes feel obliged to answer
them yourself - personally. It's a crime
And to think we added one to the number
I am ashamed of myself - but we didn't want
to have you think we forgot you! We hope
too you'll be content to let the correct
person do all the work possible for you -
you I mean - but what am I talking about
I know well enough you won't accept any more
help than you just have too -

Rachel gave Louise a wonderful birthday party. I am not sure I like surprises tho' - I won't forget my Tri meddling me at Chautauqua and 4
Mrs. Carpenter's poem -

Mina - One - a Madonna lily
Blooms in her beauty - serene,
Such calm, such poise, such dignity,
Such charm is rarely seen -
Grace - One is a Tall white iris
Curving sweet petals back
Louise - One is a fragrant peony
Wide spreading her petals of cheer. -

Well if a surprise party could bring out a dear poem like that - it's well worth while.

Love dear sister - My letters must be altogether too, frequent - but you see I miss you - so letters. But you be sure & burn them up - don't let these litter up the place. Feb 28/39 Mary -

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Cozzens, Sarah Hervey (Mrs Stanley T.)
- Nichols, Ida Cornelia (Mrs Harrison J. Holt)
- Edison, Madeleine
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Hoover, Herbert Clark
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Darling Sister: We have been watching for the papers - but so far nothing has come - We saw you all in the movies tho' - and heard Thomas deliver the speech or part of it - Was sorry it didn't have the part about dividing the birthday cake with all of us! Ida heard it all out in Colorado and was thrilled to pieces!

Yesterday Mary Anne & I went to Church St. Bartholomew - unfortunately when we arrived it was full to overflowing

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and they told us to stand in the aisle
and they would get us some seats later.
We stood some ten minutes then between
readings - several husky women pushed
in between and in front of us - and
we became discouraged and walked
out. We decided to take a walk instead
of going to church and landed at
the Cozzens - found Mr. Cozzens in bed
he had just been up sitting in the sun -
Mrs. Cozzens came in after a few minutes
and we had a nice visit - they think
Mr. Cozzens pretty bad - his eyes looked
sick, kind of starey, - but he seemed
happy and enjoyed our visit - just
as we were about to go - they handed
us opera tickets for next Saturday - you
had written on the back - "if the Cozzens
do not want these then Will & Mary -
them" - I told Mrs. Cozzens I would
write you for her and tell you "how much
they loved your thought of them" and

she & they told us of your kindness always in 3
tickets and thoughts and flowers - and visits etc.
How much that all means to everybody and
especially to one sick in bed - & housed -
Now don't start in and do more - you do enough for
one piece of humanity -!
I don't believe the Florida sun can be much more penetrating
than the sun coming in our window just this
minute, right on my back - but alas this comes
through glass and doesn't do the same work -
N.Y. has been wonderful so far - but Mary Anne
says don't wait for March -!
From this point of view - 26th floor - we see
all around us - great tall buildings going
up - four in the direction of the St. Regis -
(it will all be shut off soon) - and I can't
say how many to the east and south - just every-
where. - the set back should be made 1st on the third
or even 2nd floors - instead of the 16th.

I wish I could help you keep "strong of purpose" & to keep this winter unto yourselves - not invite anybody - Be sure, at least - that you really and truly want them - don't invite just from a feeling of duty - you wrong yourself and them too in that case. You already have gone through a big ordeal - all that birthday work - just think - rest - and do just enough to keep you happy & busy - not enough to keep you unhappy - irritated and overloaded! Ha. Ha — Fathers motto —
Investigation Illimination - concentration - those may not be the right words - but the idea - Why not follow that in memory of Father.

My room has been a bower of flowers. Ocarth brought in such beauties from you - last Thursday - and they are still very lovely - Mary Anne has just arranged them (Monday) and

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they still look lovely – The cyclamen
is lovely too. The flowers were
so lovely on my bureau while
I lay there in bed - just a
Gorgeous mass- Flowers help
greatly to make life endurable.

Thank you again for
the Opera tickets - Der Freischutz-
I feel you ought to give them
to some one else.. but we
love and appreciate them.
Thank you.

Thursday Madeleine has
luncheon with me at
the Crillon - and then
I go with her to the
Theatre Guild. I love the
thought of it. My "little" niece
taking me to their favorite amusement.

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We had dinner and saw
the Egyptian pictures (movies)
with Mr. & Mrs. Fred. Titsworth
last week but three - in their
woods three weeks ago - I caught
some of my cold up there uncon-
sciously tho' for I was not my cold -
Will seems much more robust
this winter - it's better for him to be
here in N.Y. - where he does not
have to travel back & forth on the train
in crowds of sneezing, coughing people.
Must run now - not literally
but must write several thank you
letters - Mrs. Baird sent me lovely
flowers - also - Mrs. Drew - Mrs.
Raymond - Georgia - etc. - So
must write now - and not too long
to any one - John sent us

lovely pictures of your new gardens there
Seminole Lodge - they are beautiful - I
must return them. I am sending
an article on "Homes" - I know will interest
you. The servant question is what irritates
me - I know that "John" is one of those smuggled
in immigrants - I wish he'd get caught.
I'd send you other things - like Briggs cartoons
but I know that they are piling upon
you by the thousands so I'll save mine
and give them to you later. Some are rich -
like Tommy standing in his door-way workshop
and Hoover looking up at him from the street
asking what his rubber is? "Are they ducks"?
God bless you all - You & Thomas - and all the
children - Keep well - don't overdo - not systematically
Love always - Mary. Feb. 18/29.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Hoover, Lou Henry (Mrs Herbert C.)
- Edison Pioneers
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian

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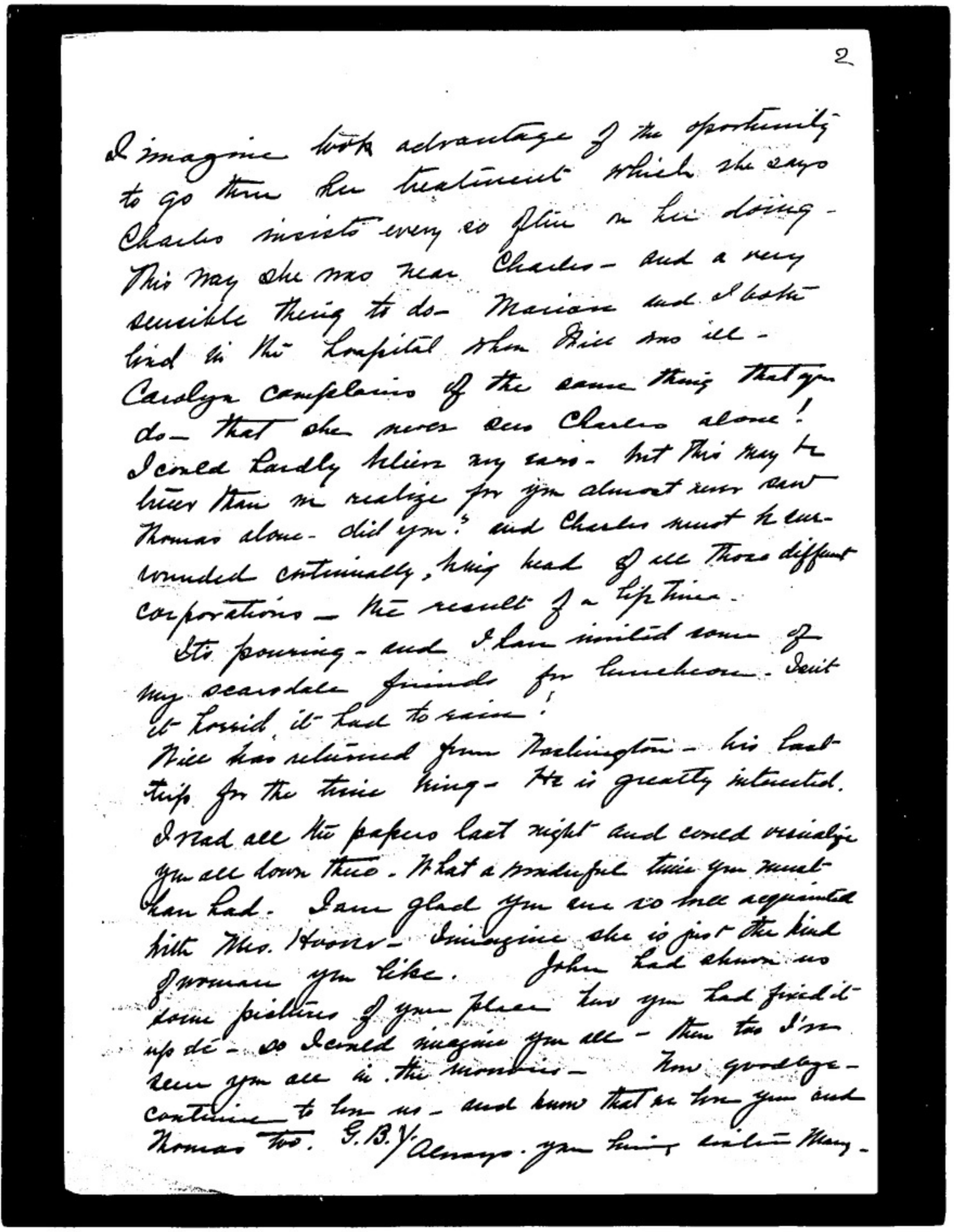
Feb. 25. 29
Thank you Mina dear for the papers -
they just arrived and I've only had a
glimpse at the front pages - It must
all have been thrilling. Will read every
word with the greatest interest.
I'm going up to see Charles
this morning - I sent Will, last Friday
as I thought a man would be more
cheering than a woman - men like
men and I can't say but what women
do too - well its fortunate that men
like women too - very complex subject.

Feb. 26th.
Well I went to see Charles yesterday also Carolyn -
One above the other in the hospital - I didn't
see Charles the day of the Edison luncheon
so cannot report to you how improved he
is but Will says he looks better - He certainly
inherited the bug of work - no relaxation
from both Mother and Father - Carolyn
says he won't stop in time no matter how she
pleads - and of course you know how
true that was in your case - so what can
one do - but plod along at the side of their
chosen one - and help smooth out the
worries as much as one can — Carolyn



I imagine took advantage of the opportunity to go thru her treatment which she says Charles insists every so often on her doing- This way she was near Charles- and a very sensible thing to do- Marian and I both lived in the hospital when Bill was ill- Carolyn complains of the same thing that you do- that she never sees Charles alone! I could hardly believe my ears- but this may be truer than we realize for you almost never saw Thomas alone- did you? and Charles must be surrounded continually, being head of all those different corporations- the result of a life time.

Its pouring- and I have invited some of my Scarsdale friends for luncheon- Isn't it horrid it had to rain!

Bill has returned from Washington- his last trip for the time being- He is greatly interested. I read all the papers last night and could visualize you all down there. What a wonderful time you must have had. I am glad you are so well acquainted with Mrs. Hoover- I imagine she is just the kind of woman you like. John had shown us some pictures of your place how you had fixed it up etc- so I could imagine you all- then too I've seen you all in the movies- Now goodbye- continue to love us- and know that we love you and Thomas too. G.B.Y. Always- your loving sister Mary-

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)

Date
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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Mina dear:—

Nice and I are intending to travel about the upper part of Florida to see the land that he is interested in – Charles and Carolyn left this morning so John writes— so you will have your dear ones near you for a time – Wish you could prevail on them to stay a long time It would do Charles great good if there were no work - mental work in the stay — He looks much

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better and the hospital told me he was all right.

I must not write long letters as we are about leaving for the trip - I'll let you know when we are near enough to call on you but it will be several weeks yet. I've never seen the east coast and I'd like to see that too.

Have a fine time with your own dear family - The Kents are at Mt. Lakes I guess you found their address - He is a great man

so full of wit and fun - you would all enjoy knowing him - I am sure. No harm done tho' if it is not just time to see them - I am sure they wont mind -

Love to all the dear family -

G.C.J. Mary.

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[F5D10BC], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 30th, 1929

Title

[F5D10BC], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 30th, 1929

Author

Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Harry Huntington
- Miller, Grace A
- Barstow, William Slocum
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Miller, Emily Huntington
- Miller, Frederick Clark

Date

1929-03-30

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
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Had a lovely letter from Grace. She seems happy to be having one entire week of rest in Cairo! Poor child I feel tired for her! Met her intimate friend Carrie Kernahan - from Pittsburgh at 3 Toms Tavern Thomasville Ga.

MOUNTAIN LAKE CLUB
LAKE WALES, FLORIDA

Mine dear:—

We are sorry that we have not been able to make our dates agree with each other but we understand perfectly that you would have to be at home with your family and that the family would rather stay right there than tramp over the wilds of Florida.

Will & I will arise tomorrow morning at 5.30 to be ready for the sun rise Easter service in the Sanctuary. The moon light service last Tuesday night

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was very lovely - and on Good Friday Mr. Brees played in the minor key - we loved it all.

Today I've had a game of golf with Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Arden of Plainfield - she says she knew Madeleine there - She is greatly interested in the Garden club. It's easy or easier, I should say, to play golf here - as there are no hills to climb and the fairway is straight ahead - I brought my usual score of 170 - down to 120 which is some difference - I've only played twice - Very few people are here now -

Oh - Fred Miller appeared on the scene on our return from golf - He is stopping with Mr & Mrs. Martin Mrs. Martin is Fred's wife ~~Brother~~-sister -

Fred didn't know me at all - but how could one forget that queer make up of his - Fred & Harry took after Aunt Emily I think George is larger, bigger man - We are having dinner together tonight.

We had a lovely trip with Mr & Mrs. W.S. Barstow last Wednesday & Thursday - They motored us to their home on the east coast Olympia Beach and showed us Palm Beach - Breakers and see the homes along the coast. We took the 7.30 pm train from Palm Beach back here. I was sorry to do that at night as we went through those districts where we have motored with you years ago. The Barstow's house is beautifully situated between Hobe Sound and the ocean and is very attractive. He made oodles of money in that big electric deal last fall - and has virtually retired - now they want to travel. Col Diefe was with them a very delightful man He lost his wife six weeks ago - and seems absolutely at sea.

Thank you for Wills handkerchief and my lovely Callappable cubbard - It will be very convenient on these my trips. I've sent you a picture of the Tower - in a booklet of this place - the last was or is only for protection for the picture.

Mary Anne seems happy in New York - She was delighted to get your acceptance for her evening endeavor to get names - Your letter never arrived -

Do you remember meeting Annie Russell at the Wehrhains(?) in the park - She has been there for some of their theatricals. She is here visiting the Boks - A very unpretentious little thing - They, the Boks go over there to the Sanctuary, nearly every day (the bells are ringing) - he seems very feeble and looks far from well -

Loads to you all - I am sure you are enjoying the Sloane family - It's lovely they can be with you - Will sends love too and thanks -

March 30/29 Mary.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Nichols, William Wallace

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

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- Travel (TAE and family)
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"ANNEX"
ESTABLISHED 1866

The Battle Creek Sanitarium
Battle Creek, Mich.
GUEST WRITING ROOMS

Well Mina dear. It seems ages since we left Florida and didn't see you or your garden that you had told us so much about. It just seemed impossible to come away but Will nor I either for that matter seemed to be braced up and as we had only a short time we thought we better try some place else for the rest of the time. I wrote you from Nashville. We had a wonderful time there and I am delighted that we went for it gave me such a different view of the South. There's quite some bitterness lurking yet in some of those

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groups and as the people get back more of their own I imagine we may hear more of it than we want to hear. Mrs. Caldwell or Mr. rather was on the northern side – She took me to her meeting - literary - they read John Brown Body by Bénét – so I heard quite a little in a very intimate way - Mother May as they call Mrs. Caldwell was perfectly composed through it and in fact no one made an argument of it – only the reader made all kinds of remarks and criticisms.

Our last evening was spent at Roger Caldwells house – He built it as an exact reproduction of Andrew Jackson's the Hermitage which you saw. It is a perfectly stunning house – They copied the old mid victorian

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Battle Creek, Mich.

furniture so well and while it is very handsome of its kind I am not a great admirer of the kind - but it is all very beautiful and luxurious.

Margaret, the wife, is as simple and unconscious as possible. They entertain all the time - Annie says - night after night. Their home is some miles in the country - and a big estate - Most of them live that way and all the year round too. I think it lonely - rather than all be huddled in one square block.

Our time here has been beneficial but Will seems to have lost most of his vigor - Dr. Mortensen tells me his headaches - side - ears - eyes - all come from the results of his operation

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hardening of the arteries (he does not know this)
but fortunately no high blood pressure.
Even golf has lost its hold - he plays
but not with the same vim and often
lets chances to play go by - Well
don't ever worry about this for you
nor any one would notice it - all
say "How well you look"! But it worries
me.

To have no word from you worries
me too - but I ought to be wise and
let you rest - if rest you can - Oh
Wadsworth told us how he stayed several
days with you - Funny - and here
we were trying to keep away so you
could enjoy your family - Hope he
did not tire you. He is such a dear
boy tho - I hardly think he would do
that. He was so happy over the visit and

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had much to say.

A Mrs. Riggs here noticed me in the march the other night and after the march came up to me and said Are you not Mrs. Edison's sister - and I said yes - Well she said; we stood two hours - outside the Edison gate in Ft Myers waiting if we could catch a glimpse of Mr. Edison and then you both came out. and she said she had a good look at you. She must have to see you in me in a march like that - Rather funny I thought. She wanted me to get your signatures but I excused myself - She was very enthusiastic and happy she had the glance - You must be bored to death - too bad

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The road can't swing back of the other property. But you must be well guarded now, as several have reported that they could not get in —

Thank fortune! —

I am going to ask if you would like Louise and me to come down say the last of May. I don't know even that she would do it — or that I could — since now I think of it. I'll hardly been settled in our home till May 20th. From here I go with Will home for a few days — then Sea View — 3 days — home again a week and Virginia Hot Springs one week — home by 20th — so that was foolish but if it had been possible I thought

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Louise might have enjoyed it - too.
Well another year - You'll be home
the first of June! will you?

Good night - and God bless you!
I hope you are at last getting a
long needed rest - Have message
that helps a lot. Great love -

Apr. 20/29. Mary + Will.

Dr. Kellogg told us all about his
visit there 15 years ago - and his
trip up the River into the Lake on
to Ft. Lauderdale -

I met Rachel + Edna one day
when I was at Mt. Lake and we went
to the North point of Lake Okeechobee
How I loved the memories of the time we
went - and first saw the curlews -!
the little burrowing owl - all most wonderful
memories - This is the first really

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Battle Creek, Mich.
GUEST WRITING ROOMS

peaceful time I've had in ages -
and I've rattled on and on! -

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

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Mina darling:-

Your letter - telling of your disappointment at our not calling at Ft. Myers - rings in my ears - every minute - I am sorry indeed, we hurt you this way - I certainly did not mean to do so - and I am sure Will did not. We were simply too uncomfortable at Mt. Lakes - to prolong our stay and knew you had had so much company that we were not needed in that way, any at all this winter. We are glad if you really mean you forgive Its a wonderful thing to be able to do when one has been hurt. intentionally or unintentionally - a hurt is a hurt. Poor dear, I think you are over tired or you never would have felt the way you say - how could we possibly figure in that great tide of visitors you had this winter. I really grieved for you

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all the time - as I felt you must be exerting
every nerve to keep going and going -
When Wentworth told me of his insistence I
could hardly restrain myself - also some
one in Battle Creek - I felt like telling them
flatly that they had no right to bother you
so - Your Mina dear, have not been out of
my mind - - well ten minutes at a time -
there is a subconsciousness of you every
minute - I long so - to help you - I think
my trip to Okeechobee saved me - I thought
I must have something of you this winter -
and I just hated that public that claimed
all your strength and time - - Why can't
we from now on let the young people
do that outside work - and be old ladies
like Mother - help them with gentle council
only - you have so much you can't
avoid - a whole life full of wonderful
duties - no one knows how much -
and it comes to me as I write - that
they are immortal - those home duties of
yours are immortal - Is that immortality?
well - you and Thomas have achieved it -
that is the greatest thing in the world - and it's yours!

We all love you with a great, great love and long to see you well and happy—

I know you will love these few weeks of comparative quiet with your Thomas. Men are different— I know from my own— when we are alone with them— They are nearer to us— and more dependant too upon us— I am glad you are having this time together— It will be very precious later on.

If you would like Louisa— why couldn't she fly!—

About the program I am studying it= I want a little time to ponder over it= It seems just now— —but I'll write in a day or two when I've really reached a conclusion in my own mind— It's lovely to do this and I know it will go off beautifully. I have engaged two rooms at the hotel for the week—but fear Marian can't go. I wish however, that all the grand children could go— She of course hasn't quite the same interest— but Mina, she has been and is a wonderful daughter to me. Your dear little girl is wonderful too, more independent

than mine – but she had you for a mother
and Thomas for a father, what could
a father and a mother expect?
I have the loveliest flowers from you
for Mother's day – from Schling – Lane
so glad you got them of him – for he
did care such a lot. Mine are lovely –
there's the gladiola for Mina the highest –
the tulips – for Louise's smile
the Narcissus for Grace the gentlest
the Snap dragon – Mary – the white
and the rose
for love of all –

We mustn't forget our group! –

that reminds me – of the poem at Mt. Lakes –
The gift of the sun for pardon –
The song of the birds for mirth –
You're closer to God's Heart in a garden
Than any where else on Earth.
I do not know the author.
Thank you dear sister – I hope you receive
my little lady – bearing my love – on Mother's Day.
Will and I – go to "Homestead" – Virginia Hot Springs Va.
tomorrow night – We return home to Scarsdale
Monday next the 20th.
Love to you both – I'll write in
a day or two – about the program. May 13/29 Mary. 3-2058

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Title

[F5D10BG], Letter from Mary Emily Miller, William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 7th, 1929

Author

- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Lieb, John William
- Ford, Henry
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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- Edison-Miller family
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- TAE opinions and prejudices
- TAE friends and associates
- Health and medicine

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HOTEL TRAYMORE
ATLANTIC CITY N J

Maria dear:—

Thanks for your letter — we too loved our visit with you — now you will soon be home and we can meet again.

I have a thought that I think would please you. You know Mr. Lief is a very sick

man - and I thought if
you could get Thomas
to drop him a line -
to "stick to his job but
to do it in the way he
is doing it" - (what he
wants to do) —
just a letter to help
Mr. Lieb relax - it would
please him beyond
measure - more than
anything else you
could do for him -

It has been a wonderful
week - with the name of
Thomas Alva Edison on

the lips of every one - Every speech - every
move was to the glory of that name -

Mr. Ford came all the way from
Detroit - just to pay tribute - They had him
on the platform but he only made a bow -
We all expected a speech - but outside of
Mr. Ford - all the addresses were very lovely and
it's a shame indeed that the children were
not here to see and hear - Charles was
registered according to the paper at Ritz Carlton
but he must have been very quiet as no one
could find him - Will and I inquired often
at the Edison Inc. section - It reminds me
of when we were children and many people

would honor Father – we were indifferent – &
I suppose children always are until
perhaps, it's too late – I am glad I was
here and am sorry you were not.
very
Has Thomas write that little note – if
it is only a note. It would please more than
flowers or any thing – I am sure –
Love to you both from
Mary & Will.
June 7-29

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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Charles
- Lieb, John William
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, Lewis
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Sloane, John Eyre
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
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SCARSDALE GOLF CLUB
HARTSDALE, N. Y.

Mina dear

I was in to see your daughter yesterday - Took her some peonies - Everything was very quiet but finally the nurse got John to the door and I gave him the flowers - He says Madeleine is doing nicely - and by Saturday can see some one - I am afraid I won't see her perhaps at all as Will and I are going to

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Atlantic City - to see your 2
great husband honored. I
suppose Mr. Siel thought he'd
get no since he can't get
you - We could be in the
audience. I am wondering
if Charles is going and Theodore.
They certainly ought to. It
reminds me somewhat of our-
selves when Father dear received
honors - we were rather indifferent
and now we regret not having
taken advantage of our wonderful
opportunities. It must be rather
natural when we are young.

It's too hot for words here
today 88° perhaps ninety at
times - I have a glass of
apollinaris lemonade by my
side - and am wondering if
you too are indulging -

you no doubt are not as uncomfortable as 3
we are. Will is playing golf - Last night and
night before - he would jump out of bed with the
cramps and pains in his legs - last night - I think
he was not a minute without cramps. Tonight
I am going to close the windows tight and see
if that makes any difference - for certainly he
can't stand this way. He gets so awfully depressed
too with the least bit of effort - I think it's getting
worse and worse. It's all too bad these things!! -
We enjoyed our visit with you greatly - Poor Miss
Bogue. Did she see you see her trembles? She
always looks so, half starved, that I never know just
how she feels - I am sorry if she is financially pinched.
She ought now to be on easy street. That must be a rather
anxious kind of business - but she knows that so naturally that is what

she enjoys - Thee did or has Thomas taken away
your land - or what was the cry for John! You better
keep him as long as you can for he needs the best
and too you enjoy him.
This is decoration day - and all are honoring our
dear dead. Dear Theodore what would have been
his life had he lived? I am sure interesting he
was a darling boy!
I must be here to welcome Louisa - I'll try to
have Gilbert meet her. I dread going away again
These visits upset one's home life very much and
I am ready to stay at home. I'll go now and
see Mrs. Baird's lovely Rock garden. It is exquisite
and I can't see enough of it. To know some one thing
right down to rock bottom, the way she knows this,
wouldn't that be fine? I'd love to have one thing perfect.
May 31. 29. Love to you all three. Mary.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Sperry, Elmer Ambrose
- Miller, Lewis
- Ochs, Adolph Simon
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Fox, William

Date
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- Edison-Miller family
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THE BILTMORE
NEW YORK

Nina dear:- I have about two minutes in which to drop you a line It is now 2.15 and my train goes 2.40

Your luncheon was lovely and all you said and had prepared to show Dr. Sperry was fine - I am sure he will say forceful things of Father - and very beautiful kindly things -

I sent my letter to Mr. Ochs. It seemed to me rather de trop as I am certain you covered

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the whole subject as you did today
but perhaps having it repeated by 2
another party - (even tho' repetition)
would add weight.

I hope you will have the strength
to keep on now, and write your
book - I am sure it will be
a strong, beautiful one - bringing
out Father's character. I do not
mean to hurry you but this
face would be my feeling.

Your enthusiasm about this centenary
I am certain will make this a success -
The whole program is very appropriate
and will awaken in the people the
worth of the early efforts made by Father
dear.

Fifteen minutes passed sooner
than I had any idea it would, and
here I am on the train for Sandusk

William Fox hurt in a motor accident, it 3
seems motors are as dangerous as airplanes.
I hope you came home safely. Will had
some engagement and had to use the car
so I went by train.

My glimpse of you today was so short
~~that~~ I feel urged to write - just - that you
should know I appreciate your effort
to leave me have a share in this wonderful
Memorial summer. What you have done
and are still accomplishing will live many
years in our thoughts. It, in itself, is a Memor-
ial to Father dear. I trust no shadow may
mar the beauty of it. Love to you dear
sister - and many many thanks for your great
effort. Time alone will tell the magnitude of your accom-
plishment - I am sure every member of the family and

oceans of friends feel as I do —
God bless and keep you — is my wish —
With love — Mary —
July 17/29 —

Chautauqua.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller (Lewis) Centenary (1929)
- Miller (Lewis) Cottage
- Golden Jubilee (1929)
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Grace A
- Ford, Henry
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date
1929-07-24

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Awards & honors/clubs & societies
- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Property

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THE LEWIS MILLER COTTAGE
CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.

Dearie Mina:–
We find ourselves let down beyond anything you can imagine – We miss you in a way never before experienced – Your telegram was greatly appreciated and we were so happy to know you were well on your way and not to awfully tired. I read the telegram to the Bird and Tree meeting (part of it that is –) and

I will leave fresh flowers here when I go – as it will continue sweet for another period;

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which pleased them all It was a meeting of the board, only. those ladies you know best.

The flowers for Mrs. Norton will be attended to. It didn't seem possible, with your long list - that there could be another person -

What a lovely week you gave Chautauqua - Surely one never to be forgotten - impressed on the entire world - All these addresses and the events of the week will make a book in itself beginning with Bishop

Andersons - or - Dr. Bevan sermon - I hope we can get them in full - Bishop Anderson's was not written but he would write it out. The week was wonderfully arranged - it kept getting more and more interesting more intense, to the very climax on Wednesday -

There isn't a paper to be had of the Chautauqua Daily and Mr. Bestor was down looking for those he had brought down to you - fortunately you had taken them with you or you would not have had them.

My heart was so full with the beauty, success, and love of it all - Everyone seemed over-flowing with tenderness and kindness - what could be greater praise to our dear Father - I hope in some way we can preserve that side of the picture - All the persons you chose to come were so tender Mr. Ochs - wasn't or isn't he a fine character - Dr. McMaster - I quite lost my heart to him and Judge Ransom kept repeating "He's a live wire" - and certainly his address was overflowing with love and appreciation of everything concerning father -

Mr. and Mrs. Ford - were so eager to express their love and admiration and interests in all kinds of ways - They were so sympathetic and tender - And then our blessed Thomas he loves you dearest sister - to think of him, with his pain - coming to pay this great tribute to Father dear - He loved Father - and it was dear of him to come and express his admiration for him by this very act of coming here at this time.

It is six in the morning - during the day one gets no quiet time to write - or Meditate - here at Chautauqua so the early morning is a lovely time to talk with those one loves best.

The lights golden jubilee - come down now - last night Saturday was the last of it - I went down alone to the Tower - it really is very, very lovely - I hope we can keep the lights on it just this

way. Mr. Bestor spoke of keeping them. People continued to walk down to the point and - would stand and gaze at the Tower. The trees too, were lovely with the lights thrown up on them.

I never can tell you how my heart Amelia's [illegible] is full of pride and love for all you have done and accomplished this week. You must feel it and know it yourself - but I must tell you that I feel it very deeply - very keenly. There were so many round that I hoped to help most by being seen by ready when wanted - Sam so

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THE LEWIS MILLER COTTAGE
CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y.

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sorry Grace missed this - all - she would have appreciated it so deeply - Dear

God bless you - Mina dear. He has blessed you to a marvelous degree - you can do anything you set out to do - and do it so exquisitely - This centenary of Father dear's has also been a monument (that's not the word I want) to you. We are all singing your praises - every body and is happy doing it - all give you the credit. Love, praise and tenderness to you, dear sister, Mary.

July 29/29 - Grace is staying in England!

You see Mina dear I am in the cottage - Sleep in your bed. It is so sweet to be here. Everything speaks of love of our dear Father - Mother and you - God bless [illegible]

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Rachel Alice

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Type
Letter

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- Finances (TAE and family)

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ATHENAEUM
CHAUTAUQUA NEW YORK

Mina dear:—

Thank you for your lovely letters and for the wonderful gift you are thinking of making to Chautauqua. It is grand to think you are able to make this gift - and I can hardly believe it true - I know you intend to give it gradually - Now would you allow me to make a suggestion - and that is to give it conditionally - that is - only in case they raise say ten like amounts - You will give $100 000 for the particular Gift you are thinking of - or con-

let others give a like amount—
They may not get their tea but
they stand a much better chance
of getting it—and they need
it— There are several on the
board could give that much
were it put up to them to do
so—in this way—

Also, perhaps, one could get
at the cottage owners in some
method like this to give on
condition that a certain (helpful
to the institution) clause be included
be introduced in their contracts.
I will help with the gift as
much as I can—or do you
mean to give it yourself—
of course, my gift would be lost
as I can not give anything
worth while in a big gift like
this.

The idea of keeping your gift for the "point" is a nice
one— it would be lost altogether given for music
or anything less definite— the music has a fine start
and many admirers and followers— also a way of
Earning money—

Might it not be nice to have some idea of
what Grace might do— before you decide too
definitely on things— you might be able to do
a ~~farther~~ reaching thing if you knew just how
much she could help— Too, she might be one of
the ten—! not that I know at all— but it would
be great if she could— this special year! I wish
I could give in memory of Father and Mother—

You see your letter has got me enthused to a high pitch - I feel as tho' every one would follow in your footsteps who possibly could - I am sure it would be a big thing! It's one o'clock midnight I must go to sleep - I leave in the morning for Akron - Address Portage Hotel -

I feel as tho' something big !! was going to happen! Of course it has happened so that's why -

Love to you blessed sister with your loving great ideas -

Mary.

July 29/29.

Rachel had her sale today continuing Tuesday & Wednesday sold over $1000.00 today -

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Title
[F5D10BK], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 16th, 1929

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Cosmopolitan Club (N.Y. City)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Grace A
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg

Date
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- Edison-Miller family
- Management (companies and organizations)
- Health and medicine

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THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB
133 EAST 40TH STREET

Tuesday.
8.45 a.m

Hello Mina:— I've been to Chautauqua Hotel meeting at Chautauqua on last Friday morning - left there 2.25 for Pittsburgh to see for myself how our little sister Grace was prospering - arrived there about 8 P.M., spent Saturday Sunday and Monday till 9.30 P.M with her — and arrived here just now. John arrived at Gracie's Saturday morning - and he and Hal went to Akron Sunday afternoon by motor - driving, by request of John, at a respectable rate. John telegraphed from Akron upon arrival there - of their safe and slow driving and comfortable trip. He took the Akron car for N.Y. Monday night

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and I made the same train at
Pittsburgh so Grace had another
glimpse of John at the station
and John and I had breakfast
this a.m. togather - He got off at Newark.
He seemed very happy over the con-
dition of affairs at the ware house
and altho' they are not declaring 100%
dividend the report seems encouraging.
Ira stayed at Chautauqua, after
our hotel meeting on last Friday,
for the trustees meeting on Monday.
Hal telegraphed him to meet him
at Akron Tuesday and go over the
warehouse with him and motor
back to Pittsburgh with him on
Wednesday; so I suppose Ira is
this morning having a satisfactory
view of the warehouse. I think he
will be pleased and much more
satisfied to wait a little patiently for
a bonafide dividend.

Now about Grace: I found her
greatly improved - but did not
hesitate to tell Halbert that I thought
he had not fully appreciated her

condition – He certainly has a more kindly and protecting attitude now than he had five weeks ago. He probably was so high strung or pitched at that time that he could not stop - He has slowed up greatly and it reflects for the good on Grace. She is much calmer and talks in a much less nervous way - still very constant, which according to my theory uses too much of her energy - which she needs for recuperation.

We had a lovely visit - as I said John and Hal left Sunday aft. for Akron - so Grace + I slept in her room - went to bed at nine. and in the a.m (Monday) - had breakfast in bed - stayed quietly there till 11.30 when we decided to take a _nap_ (I pretended to be sleepy so Grace could really rest for half an

hour) It did us both good – for not 4
a sound of any kind till 12 o'clock –
then we dressed – had a light lunch
a nice walk in the park – I found
Grace greatly improved in that way
(walking) while few weeks ago – she lagged
often this time she walked along with
strength that was not there before. It
seems the last doctor (and she has
had three or more) she had – says she
is recuperating from the grippe
Evidently had the grippe and didn't
know it –
Her mind seems definitely fixed –
not to go out into any whirl of society –
teas clubs etc –; if she carries this
out and really gives herself the chance
to thoroughly recover, *gets strong* – she
will be in fine condition again.
I am glad I had these three days with
her – especially so while Hal had to
be in Akron – Grace would have been
alone. Dont forget your promise
to rest *every* morning & have your breakfast
in bed – not to get into things until after
the first of the year – We all love you –
Dec. 16-29 Mary –

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Title
[F5D10BL], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, December 19th, 1929

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Harkness, Edward Stephen
- Carlisle, Kathryn
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)

Date
1929-12-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE friends and associates
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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116 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Dear Mina -

I am enclosing this interesting article about Ed. Harkness - I thought you would be interested -

Also - did you know Anne Carlisle lost her daughter Katharyn. She must have died in Arizona - however I do not know any of the particulars - She was quite sick and her father was with her when Anne went to Europe several weeks ago -

Love to you both.

Mary.

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[F5D10BL1], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, December 23rd, 1929

Title
[F5D10BL1], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, Thomas Alva Edison, December 23rd, 1929

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Cozzens, Sarah Hervey (Mrs Stanley T.)
- Cozzens, Marie Christine
- Cozzens, Stanley Thayer
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date
1929-12-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)
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116 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Mina darling and Thomas too -

Merry Merry Christmas - This is my last chance to write so you may possibly get this on Xmas - any way Thursday.

We are all thinking of you two way off in that land by yourselves. I know you'll be happy for it will be different from any Christmas you ever had - you and Thomas together. I know you'll enjoy the new Santa Claus -

I am enclosing a clipping of the death of Mr. Cozzens. Mrs. Cozzens has gone for the holidays with Marie.

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Wasn't it marvelous that you and I both saved our dear husbands when they were both so near the end -?

Took Mrs. Corson and went to Melfort today to wish Lea & family Merry Christmas. They were quite cozy there - and I was glad I went.

Now I'll say God bless you both. We will be off tomorrow to spend X'mas with John & Florence probably home Xmas afternoon. -

Love to you both from us all -

Mary.

Dec. 23 '29

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Grace A
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Nichols, Marian

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- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Social customs, norms, values
- Health and medicine

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The BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
GUEST STATIONERY

Dearest Mina:—

I am so rushed with all we have to do at this place that so far, I have not written one Xmas letter and certainly am ashamed of myself. I'll say to you that your wonderful gift of the opera tickets was most lovely— I think "Luisa Miller" was the loveliest one I have heard in ages— Will and I went together and both of us were enraptured— Ponselle outdid herself and Volpi was great.

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Pagliacci the week before Marian 2 had - I was not able to go Oh - I was most at Chautauqua and Pittsburgh - It was dear of you to give them to us - Then our lovely boxes from Fragers those were wonderful - We have enough of everything to last a long long time. Will & Marian gave me their bath salts - (I must return the boxes) - and I gave them my Escalanti? - for the hands. I can't use it as my hands don't seem to agree with it. Will I think gets his share of the bath salts, at that, for I have them sitting near by and I notice he has a very luxurious bath. Well - I like that, for I don't like to be the only extravagantly luxurious one - and if he likes it, I too have an excuse, for you know I love it! Thank you.

Madeleine gave me one of her

The BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
GUEST STATIONERY

beautiful photos! - aren't they
lovely - I dream about it and
feel it's very Madonna like -
rather sad expression but very lovely.
Glad you like Marian dears - bath
mat. Dear little girl works hard
over her Christmas for others.
She has been busy at the
Bath mats all fall - every
evening found her busy at
one or the other. I hope it
is the right color for your
room - But use it - and
make room for the next. -
She writes me she is already

Our Xmas was smiles - for the Bath room -
yours & M. Marians.

starting on her next Christmas-
How are you progressing with
your knitting?
Bill enclosed two telegrams
in his letter last night- one
from you New Years- Dec 29 and
one Jan 1- They are both lovely
and we are glad our ball was
useful - perhaps it would have
been more so if you had
had it earlier - would it -?
I guess Henry found a use for
it in the decorations - I thought
of the table when I sent it - but
any use was alright I thought it
looked cheerful and happy -
I am so glad you are having
a peaceful time - It's wonderful
to think of you so - Bill and
I surely will stop if we don't
go by boat through the Panama
Canal - we are still working on
that idea - and I think Bill

The BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
GUEST STATIONERY

wants to go that way - if possible - So do I - We have never seen it - & the overland route we have.
My coming here changed our
date from the 9th to a later ship
and now we have to wait and
see if we can get passage -
Grace will be with you by the
middle of this month, so Hal writes, ~~and~~ I think
Grace is planning that way - as nearly as possible - We
will leave here next Thursday night
the 9th for N.Y. She wants Dr. Merritt to see
her teeth before she has them
pulled as advised by her Pittsburgh
doctors - This will make her
hurry a lot to get back to Pittsburgh
and off for Florida ~~to make that time~~;
She is going to try it - I think she

is greatly improved and you two will have a beauty visit together. Don't take the dates in my letter as authentic - Grace is writing soon, herself and will give you the exact dates that she will make. You know we never know just exactly each others movements and sometimes it makes trouble to tell what the plans of the other person are. You'll see her about that time anyway, of that I'm sure.

How wonderful it must be to be there with no tourists there. Must seem quite like old times - when you had everything your own way. I hope it lasts a long time that way this year for your sake and Grace's so you can have a peaceful visit.

I love your dear Mizpah on the end of the night letters - I love to say it to you, too - Give my love to your darling - and to Lucy - tell her I'll write soon - her card lives with me - And to you dear sister a fond good night - again Mizpah - Lovingly Mary.

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Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Herr, Edwin Musser
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- American Magazine

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- Health and medicine

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WILLIAM WALLACE NICHOLS
1[illegible]3 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

My dear Mina —

I hope you will enjoy this as much as we did. We are hustling to get away from here next week as you probably know we sail the 30th. for Los Angeles via Panama Canal. We could not get accommodations on the Panama-Pacific Line, which is luxurious but had to take what we could get - a cancelled room on the Dollar Line - As Mr. Herr & his wife started around the world on this line - and "anything won't go" with that couple of large means, I feel some confidence in being well taken care of. As we close the house utterly this time - it's more of a job than ever before. Mary is up to her neck in preparations & is wrestling with a sore jaw from an incisor extraction. She is doing well & happy in Arizona prospects. - Marian has taken an apartment on 13th. St(?) & is happy in that. I've reduced my uric acid excess in my blood 50% (How's that for diet? Tell yr. husband) on an alkaline (basic) diet. But my ears hum unremittingly

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& my eyes bother me greatly & nobody can do more than guess "it's arterial changes due to advancing years" As my latest Dr says I'm no longer a 30 yr. old - and should be thankful to have only these two defects to battle. Phoned Theo. yesterday & he said everything was moving well. Chas. in his rest cure, etc. I'm sure you keep well posted. -

It's Winter hereabouts - thermo' down to 14° last night & not much above now at noon - But the sun shines - always a saving point with me. - Your letter gave us much joy & we're edified (?) to learn that you're taking care of Grace, etc. What's the matter with giving yourself some little consideration. Tell Grace for me, to reverse the tables once (if she can). - We are delighted to hear of her improvement. That shows what Battle Creek can do. Better try it, sometime.

Lots of love to you both. - Yr. article in the American Magazine goes so well that I have several copies for my distribution.

Love to Thomas. - Affy Will.

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Author

- Miller, Mary Emily
- Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient

- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Edison, Charles
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Edison, Ann Osterhout (Mrs Theodore M.)
- Nichols, Marian
- Newman, Henry Otis
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date

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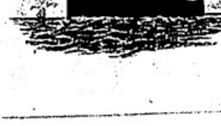
DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LINE
ORIENT
AND
ROUND THE WORLD

ON BOARD
S.S. PRESIDENT WILSON

To my two darling sisters - - -

Well-well-well - here we have passed the dreaded point of Cape Hateras and never knew it - slept like tops all night and the ocean is like a mill pond this morning - if we were not positive we are on a ship - we would think we were quietly in our own home at Scarsdale. I may be a very back number, I suppose I am but in our room - middle of the ship - we have not the slightest sound of engine or wheels - mechanism of any kind - I think so does Will - that we must be standing still - I suppose all ships are so now - but the last trip I took - there was a big noise of engines and a vibration that jiggled



the boat. Our room is a nice big one with two beds - and a sofa - we had to take one without bath, and now we are undecided whether we will change to one with bath after Havana - we can do so if we wish - we find this room so comfortable that we may stay where we are:——

I want to thank you both for the lovely gifts that poured in on us as we left New York - They would not deliver them till after we had left the port - so Marian did not get the fun of seeing the packages - and to her she said - that is half the trip" - perhaps she thought we hadn't any - but me, oh, my, we had enough - candy - fruit - telegrams - flowers books - magazines - rubber motor coat! letters with such news! - such as a treat at each stop! etc. etc. thank you both - I know I am going to love both of these gifts - My coat fits me exactly and how often I can use it! it's a beauty - and the treats at each stop will be the best thing at each place - if we can manage it. your letter 3 Grace was fine and we will keep it right with us so as not to miss any of the high spots - The Café de Paris will see us - whether we can eat the good things or not - - well that's another question - I am trying to keep myself fit - I am not eager for any more "cuttings"—

I saw Charlie before I left New York - only once - dear boy - I didn't know he had been in the Hospital until just a short time before we sailed - They were keeping him quiet - so I was surprised to be shown into his room when I took some flowers to him - Too bad, Grace, he had not been with us at B.C. where he could have restful better and learn to eat correctly - Will thinks it's the whole thing and I think you were "sold to the diet" - as you said you were - I am too - but it's hard to deny oneself all the time away from there - Charles had a bad color and I suppose he was pretty weak for his hands were moist - he says he is

sleeping much better - I wonder if all this hustle and
bustle round New York - is worth the candle? I said to 4
Will, "Charles is doing too much - too big a load to carry" -
he replied - "No, he doesn't live right - no exercise (regular);
Eats everything, things, that are bad for him - burns the candle
at both ends" - Of course we all know the last - but how few
realize the first. This extravagance of no matter what
seems to me to be simply - the "tower of Babel" in the Bible -
and it just can't be - that is all there is about it - If we
Can't use our brains to regulate our lives - then we must pay
for it one way or another - and it generally is very hard to pay!
We closed our house completely - turned off water, gas-
electricity - frigidaire -- the plumber did it all - so
I'm in hopes - will have at least half the house left when
we return - The maids left just an hour before we did -
with the understanding they will return April 15th to 18th; one
is positive she will - the other (2nd) not so sure, fortunately
the best one will - Gilbert (Colored Mina's pet kind?) says he is
going to return - so there you are - the other method of keeping

the house open during the winter — for the benefit of having the help there when we return — has been such a failure — this program can certainly be no worse —

Florence came to see us off — Anne was to have been there, by report but some way she failed to get there —

Wish I could look across — Florida now and see you two enjoying each other at lovely Seminole Lodge — Your letter Grace, sounds as tho' you were resting some both of you but I shouldn't call it a real sanitarium!

I suppose Halbert is there now or coming I wrote him a letter but,

he has been too busy to answer
it - It didn't require an answer
but could! -

Ira John & I met with Mr.
Gregory, Wednesday afternoon last,
on the Chautauqua Hotel matter -
we at last have settled on - the
first letter to Mr. Bestor - It's only
a first letter - one on which to work.
I am trying to keep up the value of
our stock, so that, if when we actually
come to some agreement - (to hold the
stock or give it up) it will have enough
value to make a fine gift - if
any [illegible] wish, at any time, to
make such a gift to Chautauqua
- a gift of our stock. Ira and I
have perhaps this thought of keeping
up the value of the stock - more than John
who seems to think we ought not to do
this - which might put us, in the eyes
of the trustees, as holding them from
getting the $100 000.00 that they so much
desire. They want to put $100000.00 in
bonds on the hotel - and charge the
hotel company that much for a release of the hotel
or a sale of the land to them. It seems a huge amount
to ~~us~~ - rather unfair - but Mr. Bestor says they must have
the money - Chautauqua needs it - and arbitarily sets the
amount. - - I must close. Love to you all - Mary. Jan 31/30

Will adds a line If I record all I have to say, it will be more than
"a line". I'm on deck in the sunshine and lacking my reading stand, which we
forgot, I'm at a disadvantage, for I'm trying to scribble on the book Ann sent
me "from Mother Edison". Thanks for the book Mina, and many thanks for
the remembrance. Mary was ahead of her vision when she wrote yesterday for then
we were opposite Carolinas & Georgia. At 2 pm we will be opposite Palm Beach.
(It's now 11 am.) Well, this is one of my greatest disappointments. Mary's "gall
bladder" behaves itself beautifully and that part of my make-up responsible for mal-
de-mer has had not a single qualm. The sea is very smooth & the vessel sails majesti-
cally without a quiver. I've looked out our port holes twice, suspecting we might be
anchored. Steam turbines. That's it. This is the cleanest vessel of all the vessels I've
sailed on because of the Chinese service. The table is first class and the ship is opened
every where (I've not seen one "forbidden sign") to its 150 passengers. Mary & I spent

two hrs. on the upper bridge this a.m. watching flying fish
porpoises (?) and nautilluses (?) In short, it's perfect &
we're ready to continue on around the world provided it's
on the Pres. Wilson - too good a ship for it's name.
We spend 15 hrs. in Havanna tomorrow & it will be "some
time", if Allis-Chalmers' Cuban mgr. has my N.Y. airmail
letter for the Cuban Chamber of Commerce a few months ago
passed a formal vote of thanks to me for what I did
for it's delegation sent to try to save Cuban sugar from
the ruin Congress proposed ~~[illegible]~~ in its tariff bill. Latin
American courtesies under ordinary circumstances are
overwhelming. What they may be, if we're discovered, it is
almost frightful to contemplate. The more I think about
it the more I feel like dodging the possibilities. Well,
we'll see - what we shall see. - I feel this trip is
pretty well what we both need - to rest our nerves.
We can't hustle even if we wanted to. We sail restfully
at only 15 knots. - Grace if Hal was not such a rustler
we'd recommend this - none of the sightseeing, just
loafing with sufficient action to burn up the little
food we consume. - We only lack a private bath. But
our room is so capacious with it's two beds & a big daven-
port, two wardrobes, two chiffoniers, table, chairs & four mirrors
on full length - a veritable hotel double-room, is too com-
fortable to risk a change. - We're happy as I hope you
are - for then you'll be well. Much love to both
Will
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- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Rollins College
- Miller, Cotta Smyser (Mrs Lewis A.)
- Merck, Friedrike Schenck (Mrs George)
- Waymouth, Grace Cromwell
- Jones, Mary (Mrs W. Ashby)
- Edison, Charles
- Castle Hot Springs (Arizona)
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Miller, Milton Smyser

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Sister Mary.

Castle Hot Springs Hotel
and Bungalows
HOT SPRINGS
ARIZONA

Dearest Mina and Thomas.

I am enclosing a letter from Cotta as it tells of their trip home from Phoenix after leaving us there - they motored us from Glendora (we paid expenses) - We had such a lovely trip - at Palm Springs saw Grace Weymouth - She looks much thinner than I ever knew her but seemed well - She talked little of herself - so just how well, I can not make out - not nearly strong. Imagine we had earthquakes at El Centro - and after they were over we were

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greatly amused - the elevators
rattled when we went to get into
them and I all but toppled over
feeling very dizzy -
We had a lovely visit with Chas.
and Carolyn - I was sorry they
had not decided to come here
but they seemed happy there
and Charles improved - John
writes he is home now. Personally
I think Charles could take a long
long time off with great benefit to
his health - He is not strong enough
to go into all the business worries
(this is just my opinion) and not be
pulled down again. Nerves seem
to be built that way.
Louise & Cotta + Milton stayed two
days with us - then returned home
adding Cotta's Father to their party - he had gone

to Phoenix by train - (Here read Cotta's letter)
Will and I came here after the two days in Phoenix -
and we find it so charming as ever. some more so -
like one big family party — and such fine people -
Our special chums are Mr. [illegible] of Cleveland -
He sits at our table now — and he and I have been
constant horseback companions - Mr. & Mrs.
Buckland (chairman of the Board N.H. RR.) -
these three and I play bridge every evening and
Mr. Buckland and I are way, way ahead. I
am too slow and deliberate for Mrs. Buckland
who is quick as a wink - Her husband altho'
such a big man in business - too - is not quick
enough for her! but we came out ahead
anyway - so perhaps these very quick people
are not the sweet - after all! She is
very nice - anyway. and we have had a
lovely ten days together. Mr & Mrs. B. leave today.

There are many other nice people here and must
meet them all in a quiet way - you know the
place is tiny - so naturally many, means of
those that are here - perhaps 100 in all -
I have had a great opportunity - to wear my
fine rain coat - the past three days we have had
innumerable rain down pours - not so
severe as in 1927 - but most of us are ready to
call a halt. Personally I was rather glad
for everyone seems to think I'm a "horse" and
of course I try to live up to it - and overdo - with
this rain I have a good excuse to stop!
It's foolish to try to live up to what people
expect of you - live our own lives - I wish
I had that determination!
I am sure you and Gracie dear
had a wonderful visit - It has been

Castle Hot Springs Hotel
and Bungalows
HOT SPRINGS
ARIZONA

a delight to me thinking of you two together - I think you were both hungry for each other - A little note from Grace to Cotta tells of your trip to Rollins College for the Degree - I congratulate you both on this distinction. It's a great blessing to have such a dear Brother and Sister; - and you are dears!

The letter reads as tho' Theodore was with you - I hope so -

I am sure you and Grace are
both better - and I hope you have
been able to keep up the golf! -
I wonder?

I am so sorry to learn that
you had to lose your dear
friend Mrs. Ashby Jones - I thought
she was one of your nicest -
friends there. I had not seen
her in years - but she was one
that would always be the same.
How is Mrs. Meeck? I hope well again.
These both seem old questions - but
when I wrote before I did not have your
nice long letter in front of me to answer -
and got it out of the trunk just the other
day - I think that service you
had for Mrs. Ashby Jones one
of the loveliest things I ever heard
of - You certainly have beautiful
ways of expressing your love and

admiration for people - I really think
that was finer than if you had been able to
go to Richmond in person. Why was she
buried in Richmond? I thought they were
Louisville people?

Will and I will be here another week - perhaps
ten days - then on to Manitou. I'd love to
fly over to Glendora just for three days - surprise
Lewie & Cotta - It only takes four hours from
Phoenix - but from here, a trip, to get to Phoenix -
so Will would not be happy - and I better just
stay by the ship - Lewie tries so hard tho' - I'd
like to give him that.
I've seen the 3 inches rain in Glendora report -
I hope it did not hurt home - Love, Mina
and Thomas dears - I'd love to see
your place and will one of these times!
March 18/30 Your devoted sister Mary

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Never hesitate sending your letters - I'd rather have them full of mistakes and hesitations than not. Please excuse mine too - I know they are always chicken tracks.

You can send Cottie's letter on to Louise It helps to keep in touch & it's a nice letter

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- Falk, Otto Herbert
- Miller, Grace A
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Miller, Helen Mathews (Mrs Lewis II)
- Miller, Lewis, II
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Sister Mary.

THE NEW PFISTER
MILWAUKEE'S FAMOUS HOTEL

April 18 - 1930

Dearie Sister:—

We all just had a letter from Grace—; letters are scarce as hen's teeth, this winter. It was nice to hear all about you and your lovely place. It must be a dream! We'd all love to see it, and see you and Thomas enjoying it to the full. Will and I are this far on our journey home. We had dinner with Denis and Helen Wednesday night, in their little apartment: a tiny bit larger than their old one

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It's right interesting to go about and see the different ones comfortably installed in their own homes — and it gives me a thrill when I think of how happy it would have made Father and Mother, to have known that we were all so nicely fixed. Dear me how they mourned that they were not leaving us as well fixed as they wished us to be — but such things may be a blessing in disguise.

Helen had a lovely table and delicious dinner — They celebrated by using the beautiful plates and after dinners you gave them — and their table was very handsome. Louis II your god son, looked very proud at the head of the table.

We might return and have a little more visit with them but they are going for a drive with Mrs. Mathews

for a little change - and it happens to fall just now. It's raining and disagreeable weather - so perhaps they won't go.

I called up Anne Carlisle, thinking they had returned - and we would stop en route, to say "how d'ye do" but Charles jr. says they are all still abroad, will not be home till June. They are terribly broken by Kathryn's unexpected death - and probably feel it best to stay there as long as possible. Charles and Woodson - with Charles wife - have all Kathryn's children, I wonder where Mr. Wynnicallen is -

We are dining with Geil Talk this evening- Will is out at the plant now= We haven't seen weather like this dark + gloomy since January 30- Isn't it strange how we all huddle in big cities or communities and put up with this kind of thing- (every fifteen seconds- the policeman whistles for change of traffic) and there lies God's open country with the sun shining clear and bright just a short distance away—

We are like animals, in truth, most of us want to be in the crowd, the rush of things- I look out on tops of buildings, dirty with the soot of years.

Ida Nichols Holt- has a wonderful choir in their charming St. Andrews church- There were more in the choir than in the pews- the music was lovely- And the dearest old man read the service- Dr. Johnson brother of Bishop Johnson- He must be nearly eighty- he is prof. of greek

at Greely College - near Denver - and goes every Friday to Manitou to read the service and preach Sunday and carry on the church work - It is the sweetest atmosphere! - The rectors and Bishops come into the home life there at the Cliff House - as they used to in our home years ago. They play cards - etc - things we thought were most sinful - especially for the clergy.

We hear from Marian that Anna, our cook, has returned - also Gilbert - the boy - so all I have to find upon return now is a second maid - It sounds as tho' it were working much better than keeping the help all winter and the house open— We will have to see when we get really started at home again— but sure if they do not stay we are not out $400 a month all winter. That's what we had to send Marion each month these past three years to keep the house going—

I should imagine now— would be the nicest time at Seminole Lodge. The orange trees in full bloom— and the other trees out, fresh leaves and flowers— It must be lovely— and the masses of people gone.

I wonder how the bust came out that Grace mentions in her letter. With you all working at it. It must be a success.

How small the world is— a dear little lady at the Cliff House— she has been there for years + years—

is the sister of Miss Hulbert who is very intimate with Mrs. Ford at Dearborn — They work together a great deal and accomplish much — Isn't it queer? — we never know just how closely we are related to each other in work or otherwise — and all at once things pop out. Well if Maud's sister is as fine as Maud it's no wonder — she is a gem — she has to live in Manitou for her health. She has a dear little bungalow in the "Black Forest" — out on the plains — We love to go, at least once, every time we are in Manitou. She does lovely, lovely writing or rather lettering - like the old manuscripts - with beautiful decorated leaves - or pages - Her work is lovely and most pains taking. 8

Now, God bless you, and keep you safe - - as Mother used to say - "in the hollow of His Hand" - We have such a poor conception of the strength and power of that Hand - I trust all goes well with you and yours - I am sure we would hear if it were not so. Love to Thomas - and Lucy - and your dear self - I imagine all the others have flown -

Your loving sister Mary.

April 18/30.

M. arrived home Teasdale on Apr. 23rd

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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Sister Mary

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Mina dear –
I want to tell
you how much I enjoyed
our visit – the picnic was
great – in that lovely field
of wild flowers – Its a real
treat to me these days to
have a picnic as we
never get them here –
The motor ride was perfect
too – the country so very lovely
in Jersey – The excitement
of your reading was a
strain – I hope you are

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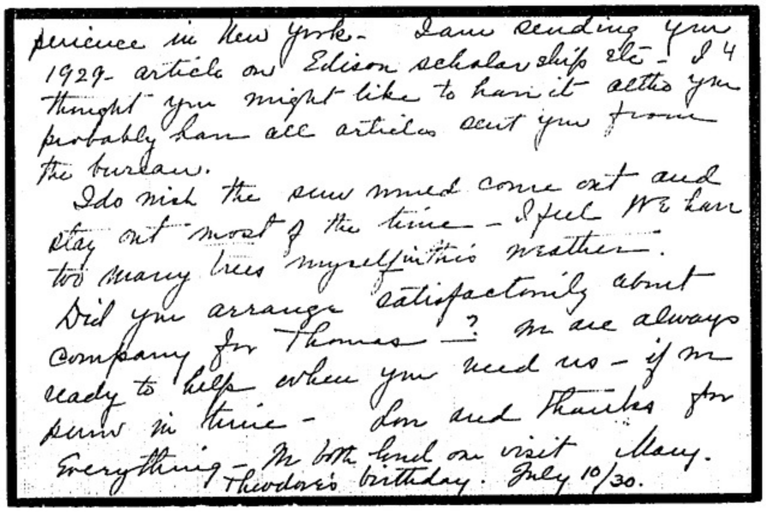
not too tired from it - It was very interesting to see and hear it all - and you did beautifully - our drive in the park and the extravagant dinner - the dinner was not so bad but all those men you felt you had to tip - That was a drain on the purse after the big dinner =

I was dumb founded to find my car so free of bundles - but it turned out that Atcheson had done them very carefully and the Canna and Zenia took up room - anyway he gave me more than I could find space for in my little garden

and things that need sunshine will not bloom - I am trying the canna but I doubt its blooming - I wish they would as I need flowers and the brightness they bring - My house has been one garden with the box of roses you ordered especially yourself - I never had roses look as lovely and last the way these are doing - They are beautiful and Impi - (she's a dear) makes a little change each meal on the table - I am afraid I am going to loose her as she has sick headaches and feels it is damp here. Always some trouble - I am trying to hang on to her. I hope you were none the worse for the days ex-



perience in New York. I am sending you 1929 article on Edison scholarship etc. I 4 thought you might like to have it altho you probably have all articles sent you from the bureau.

I do wish the sun would come out and stay out most of the time - I feel We have too many trees myself in this weather. Did you arrange satisfactorily about company for Thomas? We are always ready to help when you need us - if we know in time - Love and thanks for everything - We both loved our visit Mary.

Theodore's birthday. July 10/30.

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- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
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- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Mina - darling:— I've been reading Mother's
letters - I found them up in Charlie's room -
and brought the one volume down here in
the living room - - I've read them in their
order as you have them classified - 1865 and
find every letter contains much of interest
and so full of lovely thoughts - How can
I tear them up or throw them away -
This one about the Night Blooming series - . . .
"when open they are as near perfection as any
thing can be - but with that they have a fault,
after midnight they close and Beauty is gone." How
glad we can be if we can be half as perfect we
do not lose the good we did as they do, we can
live on and on and be more Beautiful as we
continue to live." Isn't that lovely - and
in the same letter - telling of how she "cannot go
to you just now - I do think if I am ever needed at
this place it is now - . . . . . . it is
not any work or help I do - it is only my voice and
just sitting here."
Mina I believe these letters are priceless - lets not
destroy them - let us have them gathered into a book

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and keep them forever. We can engage some one to help us and cull them out little by little and make a most beautiful book. Do not destroy them! they are precious; and ought to be preserved in real readable form. I'll help you — and let's do it right away — for fear they the letters do get lost or thrown away — by unloving hands. They are a real history of your family — and home. I'll share with you any expense and any trouble. We must find some one who will cull and collect & edit them. That's what we want a person to edit them.

I cannot destroy them! they are too sweet and quaint. We must save them. All are dated which makes them invaluable for reference.

I have read 22 letters — and now I am going with Miss Bogue for tea at Mrs. Garrisons.

I haven't told you a word of your "dearie" — but this morning it was colder so he put on warmer Jaeger flannels — and I laid a dark suit on his bed — and he put that on so we feel better to have him in warmer

clothes - We have a fire here in the 3
living room - and tonight when he comes
back - there will be one in the hall
and his room - and the dining
room - I have the windows open
by me here in the living room but
I will close them soon as I hear
him coming - It's pretty cold - and
we don't want him in a draft.

He went to the Lab. this a.m.
and came home for lunch - I
thought he wanted a nap - but he
didn't he just sat in his chair
an hour or so - then went back to the
labratory - now it's nearly time
for him to come back again.
Just relax and enter into any fun
we are good watch dogs and will
bark if there is any need. Love from all
Aug. 11/30 Mary
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[F5D10BU], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 13th, 1930

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[F5D10BU], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 13th, 1930

Author

Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Madeleine
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Bradshaw, John Hammond
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Carolyn Hawkins (Mrs Charles)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date

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Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- TAE personality and character

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Mina dearest:-

See the report of Ashford— Thomas went to bed at 11.30 and I went into the room four different times during the night and he slept always in the same position. I told Ashford to call me when he wakened and he called me at 6.20 when your boy was just dressed. I tied his neck tie as best I could but I could hear him under his breath—cussing me out. He's been pretty good tho'—as he had the sniffles yesterday morning—but he snuffed up listerine at once and did it at the labratory too and gargled his throat with it came home, at noon better, and at night fine - We had Dr Bradshaw just to be sure and he said - he thought he was in fine condition - asked about you - said his wife killed herself looking after him -

Will and I are staying till Thursday; I don't know as you would approve but I felt better to be here when he had those sniffles, and Lucy thought I would be easier with Thomas than Carolyn - I perhaps would not at all - but it has worked out that way - and Will was willing - My great thought is to have you rest a bit - I wish you could

go right on to Madeleine again
that little island seemed to
rest you.
Thomas is now sitting in front
of the fire smoking after his milk.
I suppose tonight he will be
awake all night after such a
good sleep last night! you
know all about that.

I read some more of Mother's letters
and feel the same - in the book
we can correct the spelling - not
the composition - that is so quaint -
Will will mail this in N.Y. City - and
you can have it - Thursday before leaving
Chautauqua - Thomas seems to enjoy
Will - they get on pretty well considering
the condition of hearing.
Love to you Louise & my "little"
daughter - all enjoy the days. Mary - August 13/30
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[F5D10BV], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 9th, 1930

Title
[F5D10BV], Letter from Mary Emily Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, November 9th, 1930

Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Carlisle, Kathryn
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)

Date
1930-11-09

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE friends and associates
- Health and medicine

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Mina darling:

I am enclosing Anne Carlisle's lovely little note, in appreciation of the day we had with you—She is so sad—and this little note speaks so forcibly of her great sorrow and the grief that will not down—I thought you would like to see it—You could send it on to Louise if you would—she was so anxious we would see Anne—

She is anxious too, for us to get in touch with Mrs. Ames—at the Warwick when you are stronger I am going to have a luncheon and invite you both.

Mina dear remember you mean loads + loads more to all of us than you do to the outside world—do get well—rest every day and get well—then when you are strong you can go ahead again but now

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its your bounden duty to rest Each day and get strong - we all need you - must have you so please do that for us - as your Christmas present - to us all, get well - my what a gift - !! -

I dont telephone because I know it only means more work for you - but I keep in touch - I hope your thumb is better - do you try exercise your hands by clenching the fist - then relax and feel the blood course to the tips of your fingers It's an easy exercise you can do it any where and any time - I do it six or ten times a day just anytime I think of it.

Good night dearie heart. How I'd love to help you - call on me for any thing you want or any time - I'll always make it fit.

Your loving sister
Nov. 9/30. Mary:

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Miami)
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Ford, Henry
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-02-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE friends and associates
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Financial operations (companies and organizations)
- Rubber research

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Mine dear:— — a pleasant room
Well here we are — a very
on the second floor over-looking in
attractive garden — but can't compare
anyway with Seminole Lodge! How often
often my thoughts have jumped to you and Tonight probably
I've wondered how you were — enjoying the quiet
sitting there you two together I hope he
of being alone — or perhaps a caller!
or she does not stay too late. How well we were
finish "Soviet Russia" —
Mr. Firestone was awfully nice to us — he
kept us at his place over night — what a place!
and we had Harry at our disposal that next day
and we called on the Curtis' on their yacht and
invited us to luncheon at the Surf Club today —
again what a club! The pajamas did not
strike me as being so bad — they are so full
and long they are much more modest than
short dresses. Mrs. Bok (of the Bok tower) was

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on the yacht & at the luncheon - I really feel 2
I know her. I've met her so often, and she is
very cordial - Very anxious we should join
Mt. Lakes club. She owns property at Camden
Maine just opposite Monhegan and they say
i.e. the ladies there at the luncheon say she
is doing great things in Maine. She is greatly
interested in Rollins College - and Annie Russell
the actress (former actress) is greatly interested too.
They are great friends - When I have my Cos. Club
luncheon or Tea I'll invite Mrs. Bok - and hope
she will come - My how I miss you sweet-
heart sister. I've had a big ache in my heart
ever since I left you - and saw you waving
there in the yard - I don't like to think of you
without someone with you to help if possible
with some of the steps - I am glad see the help
seem to love you so much and are so eager
to please and help you - I feel I do so little
to help you in any way - that I'm more in the
way than a help - but you must take the will
for the deed - for it's my great desire to help -
You remember - no doubt - that even as children
I never made even a bed to suit you - !

Oh Mina dear - those curlews - on that trip

were wonderful – clouds and clouds of them –
just before we reached Everglades – at least
six different big flocks – they were beautiful
and most wonderful. The other birds not
as lovely as the day we came together. – too
the chauffeur Harry – went so fast 55 to 60
that it was about like a train – why people –
like that I can't see – Mr. Firestone liked it
but Harry would slow up for a few minutes,
by request, then away he went again – he was a
fine driver and very pleasant – it seemed to
be more of an impossibility – to keep slow than un-
willingness – however Scarth drives usually at 35
or what you like – Our lunch at Everglades was
very good – I thought we could meet there some
day and have the day with the birds – how
can people drive like that when there is so
much to see!

I am more sure than ever that those particular
birds we thought were aigrets were snow aigrets –

Their plumage seems longer and looser than the other white birds— I am eager just to poke along there — a great part of the distance from 4 everglades— there were no birds at all— I think the best part is along where we saw them and then five to ten miles after everglades—

One misses the lovely lovely pines— and the royal Palms— Mr. Firestone says they are too young here — perhaps thats so— Miami Beach is lovely but too extreme for real life — everything luxurious and so striving to attain. Mr. Firestone is a great host— very simple and unassuming — very busy— He says Mr. Edison would not accept any financial help— He feels he is getting more benefit out of these efforts than either Mr Edison or Mr. Ford— so he ought to pay something in toward it — but Mr. Edison said no — perhaps Thomas did not understand him exactly.

Thank you again and again— dearie sister and Thomas too — for a very happy three weeks— It was lovely and I do hope we did not out stay our welcome — if we did you were very successful in covering it up— We will both remember it as a red letter three weeks— Now goodnight. Go to bed early and sleep that's important. Dr Kellogg says that is what is putting him on his feet— he sleeps.

I'm too bed— now. Love to you both. Mary & Will.

Feb. 14/31.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Miami)
- Miller, Grace A
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health

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Mina dear—

Here's a nice letter from Miss Watson — the lady that stayed down stairs and received the flowers or callers at Gracie's. It tells of Grace — and I think you might enjoy reading it. Grace dear has developed to such a high degree the thought of helping others — It's her salvation now — in this great sorrow. I just tore off her address so as to have it — Grace will be here soon now — then you two will have a nice time together. Dr. K. thinks you just must have a change of some kind — you know it yourself — It's the only thing that will keep you in condition for your task. Thomas seemed so much stronger those last few days — that perhaps you can manage to get a vacation?

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I can hear you say "Mary don't be so absurd"!
Mr. Firestone took the cake out of the basket
and served it that evening at our evening meal -
It tasted awfully good - like Seminole Lodge - and
I wanted more of that you know — the apples he returned
to us — and I still am enjoying them one each night
here at the Sanitarium. It's right nice here but
not exactly all the things I get at B.C. proper. You
need not worry that I'll grow too thin for they give me
too much to eat for that.

Marian seems happy as can be & says they
have just finished the box of oranges — It was
nice in thought to send them - Now comes the real
Red Cross drive this week. Are you in it up to your
neck? Be good Mina dear and don't get too tired.
My we miss you both every minute. My regret is
that I could not help you in any way. I think I
only made you trouble - more work - I can't get
over the thrill of the 11th My heart swells up yet when I
think of it.

Love again tonight to you dear sister and
brother - Try both of you to get well - each help the
other - so we can have you both many years -
and that will only be true if you give each other
the kind of rest and change each needs - please
do it for the rest of us if not for yourselves.

Lovingly and with great
thanks for our lovely visit — Mary.

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[F5D10BY], Letter from William Wallace Nichols to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 15th, 1931

Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Miami)
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Curtiss, Glenn Hammond

Date
1931-02-15

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine
- Ships, yachts, and other vessels

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My dear Mina — Thank Will

Many thanks for your trouble in forwarding all our mail – some of which I am returning in this. In order that you may understand, read Dr Kellogg's letter transmitting yours. We wish you could be here with us. Altho' it's not the great original in Michigan, still it's a pretty good imitation and I think you would enjoy it. The difference lies in the extent of the facilities, but on the other hand I'm not sure but the lack of a crowd, making comfortable simplicity possible, compensates for much. And the surroundings – Spanish-Indian – are picturesquely charming, as the enclosed photo merely suggests. – The grounds are very attractive and Dr K. is like a boy with a new toy in the joy he gets out of his planting. It's much like the Mission Inn at Riverside, Calif, in miniature, of course. – We have seen the Curtis yacht and took lunch (Cafeteria) with them at the surf & we did *not* get Battle Creek diet. – They threaten to drive over to see us, which would delight us beyond measure. – Join us! – Our love and best wishes (hopes) to you both. Be happy (philosophical) and you'll get well – perhaps. At any rate you'll feel better.

Lovingly yours
Will.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Newspapers, books, other publications

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Mina dear:
I have just received the Article
of Fathers in the Encyclopedia of American
Biography - They wish me to correct the copy
according to my wishes - and also wish to know
if I will take a copy - I do not think it
necessary to correct this copy as we corrected
the one you have together and I would
not like to change the wording where we
changed it - so I am not sending this
copy back -
I am sure you are taking a copy
of this encyclopedia - $100.00 - I have no
children interested in this volume - but I am
interested and willing to send you $10.00 to $25.00
toward the purchase of a volume - so that
we would surely have a volume in the
family - You didn't say whether you were buying

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a volume or not - but I did hear you say that you were going to send for the volume containing V.'s

My heart turns southward Ft. Myers. Miami Beach where the Firestone's live may be all right = if one wants to put that much effort in down here - but excuse me from Miami - That crowd -! one better stay in New York -

Here we are far removed from the maddening crowd. 6 to 8 miles out north of Miami and away from the shore - Dr. Kellogg is surely making a great success of this - he opened in Dec. and is turning away one hundred people on Sunday's for his Sunday talk, and the house is full all week - Everything very primitive in the bath rooms but people don't seem to mind that as he helps most cases - There is a Mrs. Bolling Jones here from Atlanta who has a brother Saunder's Jones - so I imagine connected with the Jones you know. These people are Virginia F.F.V.'s - Poor little lady lost her sister and this Saunder's Jones in the same year - last year - and is broken hearted - Two sister's married two brothers -

Love, dearie sister - I miss you every minute - Oh I'm so delighted to see Ft. Myers go over the top! Hurrah for you -! I know you worked like a beaver. Here I see Dade County is $^{\%}$728^{00} - To think of those people

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playing on the beach and through that town and not able to do even $1,000.00 but perhaps - they will reach up - but I doubt it unless some one person takes hold and manages it.

Love to you both. Take your massages often and get in grand shape - It would help Thomas to have a massage often too. Thanks both of you for our lovely visit-

Mary.

Feb. 16/31

Oh - how about the speaking tube - is it in yet Send me the bill when it is completed - that's my anniversary present to you - 1886-1931 - It's as near silver as one could get - the old speaking tube was nickel I guess - perhaps just tin.

We miss the dear evenings of knitting and reading - I was just writing Jennie about them how we loved them sitting there with you two by the wonderful pitch fire!

The thought has just come to me -> why not let

Will and me take care of Thomas - and you and Grace go make Sonnie a visit - you need the rest and the change especially - and Grace and Sonnie both need you - and here Will and I free lancers - Will could sleep right there next to Thomas - and I'd be on the job during the day - and Sonnie my oh me - he would simply "die of happiness" -

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Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Miami)
- Miller, Grace A
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Bogue, Lucy Durfee
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- TAE personality and character
- Reminiscences (1850s-1860s)
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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Miami Beach

Mina darling:—

Thank you for the candy – It has been enjoyed by every member of the Sanitarium Dr. Kellogg himself included, who wanted awfully to take a big piece but only dared take a nibble – to live up to his principals. He said, in a conversation – that a good thing for you to give Thomas would be the yolk of an egg mixed into his milk – He would not mind it – probably

but if you did not tell him he 2
would not know it, and it would
give him the iron, he needs –
He is really dear over here – just
like a boy with a new toy – like
Thomas with his rubber – He
works hard from morning till
night and interested as can bee –
If you ever come over to Miami
Come out and see how interested
he is – He just bought this place
in Dec – and it's overflowing – Has
a fine veg. garden for the table
He is far inland tho' – that part
I don't like – with that lovely
ocean right here – it seems
too bad not to see it –
A Mrs. Pettingill of St. Louis has

just arrived – She knows Mary King & Betty 3
Brown – She says she just lost her husband
Mr. Pettingill and he was with Thomas as a young
fellow in the telegraph business – He was head
of the when he died – She thinks Thomas
would not remember him as it was so long ago and
Mr. Pettingill was only a lad 16 –

Just came up from my treatment and found
the clipping of our trip with the Firestones – from you –
I can see you are using Miss Bogue – hope
she can relieve you of a great deal – Give her
our best. Thank you for the clipping –

Will does not improve so far – he seems quite or
very discouraged at times – that headache persists
but Dr. Kellogg is trying every thing he can think of to
see if something will hit the right thing.

Grace dears anniversary must have been hard for her
poor darling – I am sure Edith kept her from feeling it
any more than possible – Now she is on her way to you

I haven't heard from her at all – so I don't know where 4 she is – on her way to Washington today – from the letter you had.

I have a letter from Mrs. Doan – the lady you showed all over your place and were so lovely to because she said she was a friend of ours – from what she says I guess you gave her the entire morning or afternoon – She is nice and so is her husband but I never will tell anyone to call on you for I know how pushed you are – Well she invites us all up to St. Petersburgh – She thinks from the papers we are with you – I'll write her and tell her how impossible it is for us to accept. People are funny – she says "she won't tell any one you are coming so you can have a perfect rest & get away from the world who insists on acclaiming it's hero" – one would think she was not a stranger herself! Well that is the price of glory – every one wants to entertain you and you would feel dreadfully if they didn't – I remember you used to think America did not appreciate Thomas – but you can't say that any more. Love to you all and thanks for the candy and clippings – I hope you are improving in "rest" or restfulness I should say and both feel fine – I miss you greatly – so does Will.

Your loving sister – Mary. Feb. 21 – Mamma's birthday yesterday –

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Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1931-02-25

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)
- TAE personality and character
- Reminiscences (after 1886)
- Social customs, norms, values

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Dearest Mina—

Will and I had a perfect day with you and Thomas- I say Thomas too- altho' I had two words only with him. Will had much more. You were a darling in your little pink silk dress and the orange blossoms- and your beautiful pearl necklace. I was not fooling when I said you looked ~~liked~~ young, bride like a girl again- Your expression was simply beautiful. I know a few things I'm not saying in my letter, what you were feeling down deep in your heart. and I lay awake from two to five this morning seeing you as you were February 24-1886. Wishing I could remember the names of the people that came to the wedding- I can see plainly Mr. Upton- was Mr. Batchelor there

(Mr. Insull, I don't think he was) who were the people from outside - I can see Mr. Kingsly and the people eating in the dining room Robert sitting there by the chimney in the dining room = but that came after the wedding. The house was lovely all in white - with the canvas all over the floor - and we all stood up around you as a family - why didn't you have real bridesmaids? I never did quite understand that -? Then you walked in on Father's arm - what a privilege, and how proud he was of his daughter - Yes - I can remember that great love; and joy that you were taking this great step with this fine gentleman - and he had made sure he was a fine gentleman in all ways. darling father! Everybody was so happy and proud - It was a great occasion - You were all in lovely lovely white satin with a beautiful veil - I remember I was in blue - Jane I think was in white too, wasn't she? and Mother dear wore a lovely dress and her dear face expressed all the love and anxiety that she felt at

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the great step you were taking - She was not quite so sure as Father, that the future would be mostly roses - but she did not stand in the way - she never stood in our way darling Mother - she wanted us always, always to go forward and helped us go.

Then came the moment of parting - I can see it as T'were yesterday in reality - but perhaps that saddest moment of the day - has proved the brightest - for think of the years of companionship you've had - different yes - from all others - but in that only greater and more developing than all others.

The expression you had yesterday does not come in a moment - does not come without years of love, devotion, and experience - through trials - joy and sorrow. You bought it day by day over these forty-five years -

"Out of the presses of pain,
Cometh the soul's best wine
And the eyes that have shed no rain
Can shed but little shine."

Read too, in your "little book" - - - -
"With eager heart and will on fire," (Van Dyke).

yesterday expressed that dear little poem to me - perhaps you won't know just what I mean - but if not well and good - Its the last part of the poem that shone out in your face -

Dont think Nina dear I am saying any of this without meaning it - for fear you think it I'd better tear my letter up - but no I'll take the chance - you'll understand what's in my heart. I've loved you deeply many years -

God bless and keep you - save you to us many years more - Will joins me in loving wishes for the year and many years to come -

We must arrange some way that you can get treatments of some kind - you need them - I am worried about you -

Your loving sister
Mary.

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Title

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Author

Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Mount Union College
- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Miami)
- Chautauqua Hotel (Athenaeum)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Bestor, Arthur Eugene

Date

1931-03-23

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- Edison-Miller family
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- TAE personality and character
- Property
- Stocks, bonds, and investments
- Health and medicine

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Mina dear and Grace dear.

I am enclosing 1st
The telephone bill - you will recall that I
gave you the cash $10.00 bill and said at
the time "now don't forget its paid" -
Will was with us when I gave it to you -

In answer about the Mount Union celebration
I think it would be fine say on Fathers
105th year - The bronze busts would have
to be worked out - and the time is too short
I should say for this summer.

The Chautauqua Hotel matter seems fairly
well cleared up - We have to sign the contract
and in due course of time you will have
it to sign - The Millers keep their stock as
Class A. a guaranteed - accumulative 6%
dividend - Chautauqua will have Class B. non
Cummulative - They have 3 representatives we have
2. The hotel pays $100000 bonds 50 for the land
and 50 for the license - which in this way makes

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the stock permanent- this question is settled "pour toujours- We, the stockholders will own the hotel- not lease as before. The whole thing is satisfactory to the committee Ira, John and Myself- We have had many meetings - many discouragements but now are happy- that the end is now in view and it only remains to be signed by both or all parties.

Will send you the form of contract for the memorial- We take it, it was satisfactory as we have not heard to the contrary. I hope Mr. Bestor has had it long since - and I guess he has for in a note he says- "Surely the Millers should be represented on the executive board."
It looks to me as tho' the monies had been spent in a very satisfactory way with fine results.

Dr. Kellogg I believe remains open till June 1st you and Thomas could perhaps come and see how you like it- I am certain Mina it would do you a lot of good, fix you up so you could be "dearies" partners for life- I am not so sure of Thomas- as he won't lend himself and one must do that. Cooperate- I am sorry it could not be while we were here - you and Ira but by the papers I saw you had too much doing.

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I think the nurse idea a fine one only she
wants to be a crack dietician.
Did Dr. Kellogg send you Psyllia — 2 level spoonful-
Fig bran — 2 heaping "
hot
in water before each meal - allow to soak well -
Between meals - take lacto dextrine - 2 heaping tablespoons
in hot water - (dissolve first in little cold & stir briskly.)
always drink a glass of water with this!
At first you may feel you are not responding but in
three or four days - you will notice a big result.
Will and I motored again to Royal Palm grove.
All day trip with our picnic luncheon. It was
fun to get away alone for a day - and away
from Dr. Kelloggs huge Sunday crowd - two or three
hundred people to hear him talk on health etc.
Our day was not rewarded - no birds - at all. but the
day was beautiful -
We are going to see "Yankee in the Court
of King Arthur - now - and to Blanche Seiberlings
for dinner - Tell Gracie dear that I will call
up her friends soon. So far it seems - I get hardly
time to think. Love to you both and Thomas -
and Lucy too. I envy you being together — Mary. March 23/31
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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Battle Creek Sanitarium (Miami)
- Miller, Grace A
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Dearest sister:

Well the cards are changed and this morning I leave Grace here; Dr. Kellogg has convinced us that that is the thing to do - and after much changing back + forth, go or stay she is staying - The plan now is for me to return about June 1st and motor north with her - perhaps by that time she will have another person to go north with her -

Well dearest sister - I am sorry about the nurse - Dr. Kellogg and Miss Estelle are trying to find one to fit your requirements - but they are not really trained that way - it's a little too comprehensive for the usual mentality - well, it's not to be wondered at as diet is a science in itself and requires constant study - every man's stomach and anatomy is different, otherwise it would be easy -

The telephone was invented to use just in such cases as yours - why not take the nurse and let her telephone over here and get your diet - and tell them your symptoms every two or three days - the nursing alone would do you much good but much better of course to have the diet too - Dr. Kellogg is ready to cooperate in any way he can - They are trying to find some one who combines the two things -

How I wish you two could be here this month with

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Grace - that would be great - or you anyway you need it so badly - a man nurse with Thomas would solve the problem and you come here if he won't come - The place is deserted by nearly all the patients - Grace will be practically with the Kellogg group -

Well I dread to leave her but there is nothing else to do - Dr. assures her she will be so much safer and stronger if she keeps on with the treatment and diet - even a day makes a difference - She has pockets in her descending colon and the food gets lodged in these pockets (they are so deep) and stays lodged for 52 hours - and they are trying to lessen the depth of the pockets by straightening the colon - that will take time. That's why she must not put anything in the stomach that putrifies quickly - like meat of any kind - our intestines are warm and so meat is one of the worst things to put in this warm place. 52 hrs in the stomach is a long time.

I dread to leave her but we have thrashed it out - one minute go - next stay - and I would not be the one to tell her either way for really she must decide - "loneliness against health" - my best judgment is to stay - now she has had almost four full weeks - seems too bad to interrupt the work.
She won't be so lonely after she gets started - she has friends here in Miami - Hubbels - Fales - Wadells - and so on - but only the Dr. here after this morning - several are leaving on the same train with me - they go to B.C. Michigan - Ohio - New York.

I am going too early to see the beautiful royal ponsianna - but one cannot see everything

Have been much -
Grace & I took a swim in the ocean
yesterday - just because I wanted to see what
the people were so crazy about - We found
it all they think - and our thoughts flew
to you and your lovely pool - What a
happy, happy day we had! That pool is
just as lovely and lovelier than these here -
We are so glad you are bathing every day
and you know we'd love to be there with
you - It's a blessed home -

Goodbye - sister dear - try your best to
Cut out meat - hot breads - white flour -
take an enema every night yourself or several
nights and see if that does not help you - and
if so keep it up for a while - keep up big doses
of sylla - and bran -; and the lacto dextrine between
meals - it's full of friendly germs and they multiply
in a warm place (our intestines) -

Grace and I both want your joint letters
to keep - so we are having them typed so each
of us can have a copy - They are lovely letters and God
bless you for sending them to us -

Have you had Charles' typed yet?
What is the bill for the speaking tube - ? if it's too
much trouble to separate it from the rest give me an idea
of the amount - We want to give that tube to you - not
to let you pay for it yourself -

With love and thanks for all you've done for
us and meant to us this winter and always -
Your loving sister Mary -
April 29/31

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Grace has changed her mind - it's too lonesome
last night proved that - she goes now with me
or rather I with her in the car -

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Lewis Alexander

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- Edison-Miller family
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- Finances (TAE and family)
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Agriculture

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THE HOMESTEAD.
HOT SPRINGS.
VIRGINIA.

May-15/31

love to Thomas
and best to Miss B—

Nina darling:—

I was delighted when Grace telegraphed me that you were willing to help as tide Lewie over this crisis — I know that you already have helped him with $3000.00 — so I was not sure you would want to continue — I had a letter from him just before I came down and certainly he is having a terrible time —

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twice daily — Grace took your first letter
is having it typed for me — I (kinda) felt it was my letter, but of course had no right
to feel that way — always with the deepest affection and love
Mary —

I meant to send the letter to
you for a copy - but by some
mistake I put in my bag
the wrong letter - now I'll
tell you what he said -
"Last year his oranges brought
him in $2300 - this year $500 -
For the past fifteen to twenty
years - the "Beach Park" at
Akron has paid regularly never
failing - this April - nothing -
His lemons - he has not sold but
they too, will be low no doubt -
poor fellow says he can't eat
nor sleep - and we all know
what that is - Of course he has

written all this to you too - but he has been
on my mind constantly - it seems terrible
for one person to have such a fall -
I am trying to see if I can't place his
loans and mortgages at a better rate -
I am hoping he is not too heavily loaded
up - but when one begins to try to save
this and that for over a year now hesitate
is apt to be committed to the limit - I am
terribly sorry for him for they had such a
pretty place and were so well fixed in their
income - The park 1929-30 6000 +
Oranges - 2300
Lemons + 3000
11300 that is not a bad
income -- now I'll see next week if he sends
me the account as I have asked him to do - just what

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his indebtedness is - I think we ought to know anyway.

We are here till Sunday afternoon when we return to New York - the weather has been abominable 4 this morning the sun is trying hard to shine - Mr. Swope, Mr. Morrison and son, Mr. Wraly, and I suppose many others you know are here with the "Electrical Manufacturers Club" - Mrs. Ned Arden Flood with her daughter - says Alice Studebaker is in New York -

A month from today you'll be coming home - It seems ages since Grace & I saw you in Seminole Lodge - but your lovely flowers greeted us or me on our return from the lovely motor trip with Grace - talisman roses and they were beautiful - but Mina dear now you have a box and when you think of me in flowers or gifts of any kind drop that amount in the box and help pay this thing for Lewie - We know these are hard years - I'll know what's in your heart to do for me, for you've always done it over and over again - My drawer and Lewie speak of you to me a thousand times daily - Grace took your first letter written to us both - but is having it typed for me - I kind of felt it was my letter, but of course had no right to feel that way - always with the deepest affection and love

Mary -
May - 15/31.

love to Thomas
and best to Miss Bogue

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Author

- Allis-Chalmers Co
- Falk, Otto Herbert

Recipient
Nichols, William Wallace

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Edison, Thomas Alva

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- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Agriculture

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MILWAUKEE, WIS August 10, 1931.

Mr. W. W. Nichols,
C/o Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.,
50 Church Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Nichols:-

Referring to your telegram of August 7th, inquiring where you could get some goat's milk for Mr. Edison, we wired you to get in touch with Mr. Etzel at Highland Mills, N. Y., who can undoubtedly advise you where to get a milk supply, providing his own farm is too far removed from Mr. Edison's West Orange home. The Etzels, as I remember, have their farm at Highland Mills, N. Y., and their home is in Monroe, N. Y. If they cannot deliver the milk conveniently, they certainly could either loan or sell Mr. Edison a goat which would give him a plentiful supply of milk. Goats are easily taken care of and take up practically no room. I should imagine one goat would be sufficient to give him three or four quarts of milk per day.

If there is anything further I can do in this matter, kindly let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Otto H. Falk

Have written to Mr. Nichols about this, the letters crossed, I take it.

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Title
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Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Dear Mina —

Has my effort to procure milk met with any success? Of course you know, that "goaty" flavor or odor is due to uncleanliness in just a goat. The kind of goat we are considering is highly bred and naturally clean.

Love — Will.

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Author
Nichols, William Wallace

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Hoover, Lou Henry (Mrs Herbert C.)
- Edison, Charles
- Edgar, Charles Leavitt
- McKinley, William
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Roosevelt, Theodore
- Ford, Henry
- Barstow, William Slocum
- Firestone, Harvey Samuel
- Insull, Samuel
- Hoover, Herbert Clark
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Cortelyou, George Bruce

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WILLIAM WALLACE NICHOLS
116 EDGEMONT ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

September 18, 1931.

My dear Mina:

After persistent efforts I was able to hold a long conversation with Mr. George Cortelyou yesterday on the matter touched upon when I saw you a week ago. I was particularly anxious to secure the benefit of Mr. Cortelyou's reflections because in all my acquaintance I am sure he has had the widest experience with vast opportunities for that close observation for which he is noted that would make him peculiarly competent to assist in the present emergency. He performed a part in the obsequies of McKinley, Roosevelt, and a host of lesser leaders. Of course, I have myself given deep thought in an effort to visualize the fitting and dignified arrangements in your unprecedented case, due to the unprecedented position Thomas holds in a truly affectionate regard verging on adoration world-wide in extent. This makes whatever is to be done extremely difficult because of that universal desire to actively participate in the final act. Mr.Cortelyou agreed unqualifiedly as to this, and our joint consideration with much discussion has evolved (tentatively), for your and the boys' consideration, some such general course as follows:

(1) "Lying in State."

The choice of the laboratory for this purpose seems very appropriate,- (almost an inspiration) because, as I believe, for years his office library has been almost invariably "the reception room" for eminent callers, specially foreigners who have sought to meet him.

Furthermore, this place has been the scene of many distinguished gatherings when high honors were conferred upon him. The Congressional Medal furnishes one example.

Whether admittance here shall be authorized by card needs be carefully considered, otherwise an unmanageable crowd may be expected, for the newspapers are bound to notice it.

(2) The Funeral.

The funeral service to be private and, in deference to your wishes, at Home. The usual cordon of police will be necessary, with absolutely no entrance except by card limited to a capacity carefully figured beforehand and assigned in extreme detail because of the prominence of the mourners. Mr. Cortelyou is sure that the President, accompanied by members of his Cabinet (with the retinue the law requires), will attend unless a serious crisis prevents. This injects an extremely difficult situation. The requests of prominent foreign diplomats, to represent their respective governments, may be anticipated. The inevitable delegations of societies, etc., from necessity must be limited-perhaps to association presidents each with one, at the most two chosen companions.

(3) Service.

The service should be kept simple, without eulogy of any kind, which under the circumstances would be superfluous. We think the simplicity and beauty of the Episcopal service, curtailed as much as possible, deserves consideration and the circumstances suggest the propriety of having more than one church dignitary of highest distinction to conduct the services. Music, if desired, will deserve special thought. A specially beautiful and appropriate phonograph record or two, reproduced under perfect conditions, highly commends itself for obvious reasons.

(4) "No Flowers Requested."

Undoubtedly this will be the most difficult feature to contend with. Everyone will want to send floral tributes and to an extent that will crowd the premises. Flowers, as appropriate symbols, should be confined to the family, with such great exceptions perhaps as the President and Mrs. Hoover. Mr. Cortelyou and I discussed this at length, mindful of its exceeding difficulty. Perhaps The Press might help to prevent it. A family blanket of flowers might well cover the closed casket.

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(5) Simplicity.

Finally, I am sure you will want emphasized that whatever is done shall be in keeping with the simplicity of Thomas' life, void of all spectacular pomp and its attributes, always so distasteful to him. Probably it would suit him best to have the ceremony you would want,- a strictly family affair, but this appears impossible because of the certainty of President and Mrs.Hoover being present as well as such old-time, intimate associates,~~like~~ Messrs. Insull, Ford, Firestone, Barstow, Edgar, et al. General publicity may be enlisted to regulate this limitation and even then "police control" will have to be fully exercised.

(6) Interment.

In order to effect adequate arrangements for permanent interment - and in that the Public will doubtless be the controlling factor in contributing the erection of a suitable memorial (a monument) at Milan - the remains should be fully protected (from possible vandalism) by a temporary lodgement in an important mausoleum, either private or public.

Of course you will understand that these suggestions are purely tentative and inadequate. I hope you will accept my sincere tender of any further assistance I can render. In fact, I anticipate further reflections of Mr. Cortelyou, helpful for the reasons I have given. He is anxious to help and treats our conferences as strictly confidential. Please command me and believe me as ever

Very sympathetically and affectionately,

W. W. Nichols

P.S.

The Adams' undertaker was Edmund M. Speer, the Sexton (and for many years) of St. Thomas' Church, 5th Ave. and 53rd St. - Circle 7-0997. Mr. Speer can be addressed there or at 597 Lexington Ave. - Plaza 3-5300.

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Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, John Vincent
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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The GREENBRIER and COTTAGES
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

Mina darling:—

I tried to get you on the phone before we left but the line was busy and I had to move on. I had seen John the day before we left so felt reasonably assured that things had not changed much if any. How

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I wish you were able to be fifty years younger — you and Thomas and start at this development period - what wonders there would be! I read a saying the other day - and thought of you. "You never see a "big" man that you do not find a "big" woman beside him!" - How's that for

a compliment - and a true saying too. There cannot be the one without the other - and "like finds like" so they naturally get together.

It's hotter than Tophet - here - much hotter than we ever found it at "The Homestead" - We are wondering if it is as hot there, with you, and thankful indeed - that you have the frigidaire - Darling sister - you are going through a great trial

I am sure the courage and experiences of your past life, with all the counsels you have appropriated to yourself - are all going to sustain you - and fill you with peace -

Any time you need me or us remember - we are ready to fill in any gap that may occur or render any service within our power. Love to both of the dearest people on earth - Your loving sister Mary -

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Title
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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- National Electric Light Assn
- Edison, Madeleine
- Barstow, William Slocum

Date
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- Awards & honors/clubs & societies

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Mrs. Nichols letter.

The GREENBRIER and COTTAGES
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS
WEST VIRGINIA

Mina & Thomas dearies:—

It's lovely here "this" morning — and I hope so with you. You would need those frigidaire machines here I can tell you I never was so prostrated

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with the heat as
on Monday last –
Probably it was hot
every where – My head
whirled every time I
moved.

Every body enquires about
you both – Mr. Barstow
presented a bust of
Thomas to the Ass. a

bronze copy of the marble one
sent to Berlin.

Mrs. Samuel Ferguson of
Fishers Island has been especially
mindful of you – She admires
you and Madeleine very much.

I am hoping and praying
that you'll find something to
bring you peace and joy – It's
the desire of your loving sister – Mary.

Sept 24/31.

19 years ago now Mother dear was our thought & care –
a beautiful life passing on to the mysteries of infinity.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
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- Edison-Miller family
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Mina darling:--

Just a line to bid you "good day" — I don't think a moment passes that you two darlings are not in my mind - Will has gone to Sky Top — and I was relieved when I did not have to go — I dread being far away from you — He will be back Saturday morning. Grace telephoned Thomas did not seem so well - poor dearies what a terrible pull you are having - "Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth" - surely He must love you two - And you will be chastened to great perfection - How we long to help - just a little - ?

God bless you both. Marian & I went to early communion last Sunday. It says - "When two or three are gathered together in my name" - you know

the exact rest - I am not sure of just the wording but the request will be granted - perhaps not in our way - but surely granted - We love you both dearly and pray you may be spared pain - & long continued suffering -

Your loving sister - Mary.

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Author
Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Elizabeth Lewis (Mrs Edward B.)
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Nichols, Marian
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Type
Letter

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- TAE health
- Wireless and radio

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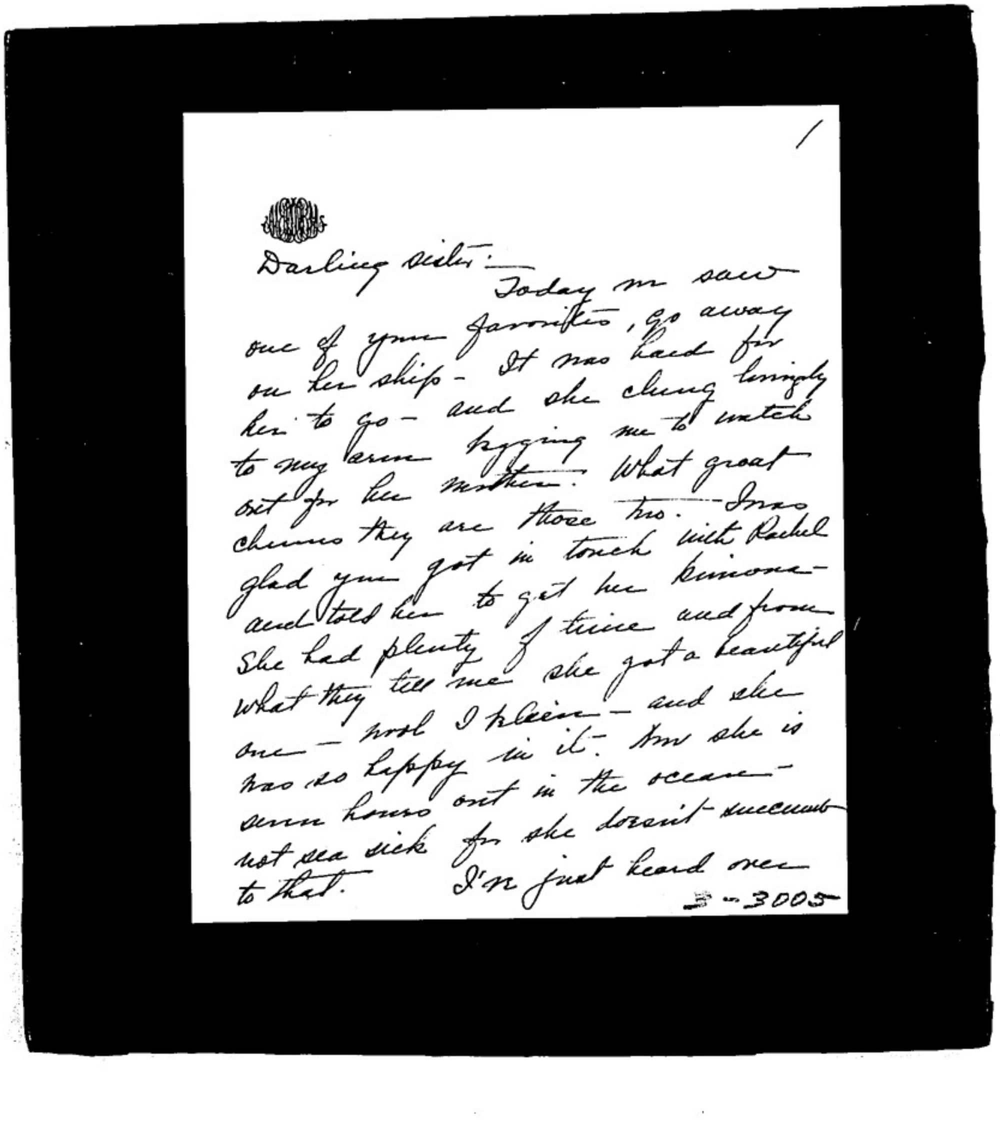
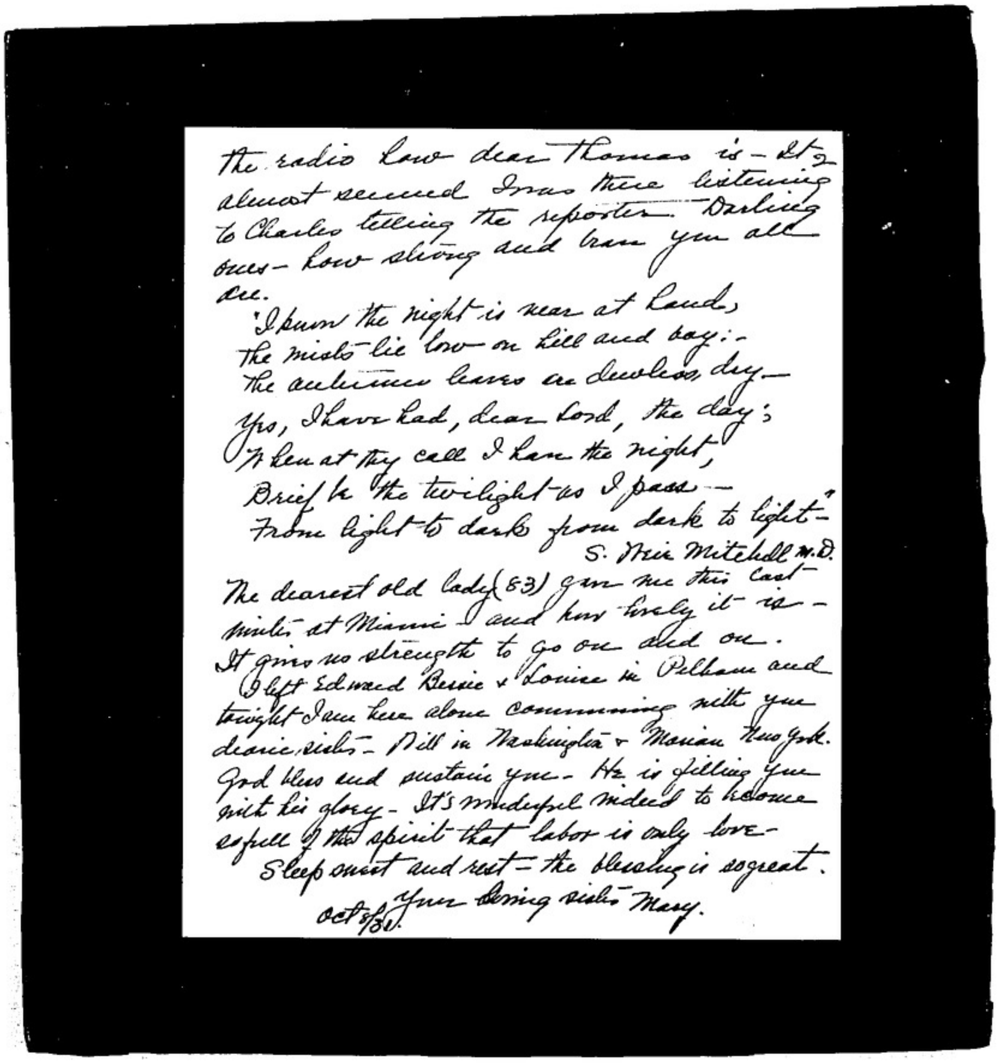


Darling sister:—

Today we saw one of your favorites, go away on her ship – It was hard for her to go – and she clung lovingly to my arm begging me to watch out for her mother. What great chums they are those two. — I was glad you got in touch with Rachel and told her to get her kimono – She had plenty of time and from what they tell me she got a beautiful one – wool I believe – and she was so happy in it. Now she is seven hours out in the ocean – not sea sick for she doesn't succumb to that. I've just heard over



the radio how dear Thomas is - It almost seemed I was there listening to Charles telling the reporter. Darling ones - how strong and brave you all are.

"I know the night is near at hand,
The mists lie low on hill and bay: -
The autumn leaves are dewless, dry -
Yes, I have had, dear Lord, the day;
When at thy call I have the night,
Brief be the twilight as I pass -
From light to dark from dark to light" -
S. Weir Mitchell M.D.

The dearest old lady (83) gave me this last winter at Miami and how lovely it is - It gives me strength to go on and on.

I left Edward Bessie & Louise in Pelham and tonight I am here alone communing with you dearie sister - Bill in Washington & Marian New York. God bless and sustain you - He is filling you with his glory - It's wonderful indeed to become so full of the spirit that labor is only love -

Sleep sweet and rest - the blessing is so great.

Your loving sister Mary.
Oct 8/31.

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Miller, Mary Emily

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Darling sister -

My thoughts fly to you constantly - perhaps you have no time to read letters or even notes - but I'll send my little word anyway - and perhaps it may bring a little comfort - These last weeks have indeed been wonderful ones with your dear husband - our dear Thomas - How he has filled his life and you, yours with sweetness and love - I think I've written this little passage to you before -

"It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude" - Emerson.

Don't you think that applies to him - and I

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think to you. How often I think of your dear place in Florida and the "crowd" that invaded – and you both "keeping with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude" –

I feel far away from you – but as the young people tell me – my greatest help can be performed by absence – We all want to help – Rachel – Louise – all of us – just know that – we are here to call upon – Dear little Rachel how she hated to go –! She loves you dearly. and that dear Mother of hers –

"Be still and know He doeth all things well,
Working the purpose of His Holy will –
And if His high designs He do not tell,
Till He accomplish them – do thou be still.

Why shouldst thou strive and fret and doubt,
As if His way, being dark, must bode thee ill? –
If thine own way be clearly pointed out.
Leave Him to clear up His, and be thou still."
W. C. Smith –

Dearest sister – God give you strength – and bless you – We must learn to say and feel "Thy way be done".
Oct 9/31. Lovingly – Mary.